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*Milton and Catherine Hershey Statue*

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**Inside Cover:** Students head toward Rismiller Plaza on their way into the Vernon and Doris Bishop Library. Rismiller Plaza is named for **Bruce '59** and **Janet Blank Rismiller '59**, long-time supporters of the College.

**Editor's Notes:** Frank Mols, director of the Vernon and Doris Bishop Library, died on Aug. 14. Please see p. 29 for his memorial.

On p. 20 of the Spring Valley, it stated that the football team had raised \$5,000 in support of Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. The team actually raised \$500.

## Dear Alumni, Parents, and Friends,

Lebanon Valley College is an innovative place that offers unexpected opportunities—including distinctive and customized academic experiences. Many of these experiences result from ongoing partnerships that we have formed locally and around the globe, for the enduring benefit of our students. These partnerships

provide an added dimension to the College's classroom instruction through practical, hands-on work that helps build professional skills while enhancing portfolios. At their core, they add value to individual students, our academic programs, and to the work of our partners.

The College began as a partnership between local citizens, the East Pennsylvania Conference of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, and two individuals—Rev. G.W. Miles Rigor and Rev. Thomas Rhys Vickroy. Rigor and Vickroy each signed a contract and pledged to furnish half of the money deemed necessary to create and carry on the institution.

Partnerships continue to play a vital role in advancing the mission of Lebanon Valley College. The College requires great partners, along with the learning opportunities they offer, to help prepare our students to thrive in the global community and succeed in their chosen professions. That's why Lebanon Valley College cultivates effective partnerships with a variety of organizations and institutions. These relationships mutually and ultimately benefit the College and our greater community.

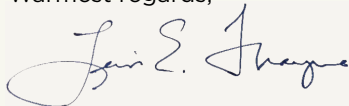
This issue of *The Valley* and its enhanced online component describe many of the College's partnerships—past, present, and future. These stories highlight well respected, prestigious institutions located near or on campus: Ft. Indiantown Gap,

Milton Hershey School, The Hershey Company, Hershey Medical Center, Spooky Nook Sports in Lancaster, and the College's Sustained Interfaith Dialogues, which brings together those of different faith traditions. There are also stories about partnerships with respected organizations located further afield: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the U.S. Green Building Council, the Social Justice Institute, and the College's own Center for Global Education working in unison with distinguished universities abroad.

Reflecting on these partnerships, I am reminded that the College recently lost someone for whom partnerships meant a great deal, **Richard A. Zimmerman H'92**, retired chairman and chief executive officer of The Hershey Company. Dick served as a member of our Board of Trustees from 1972 to 1981. He and his wife, **Nancy Cramer Zimmerman '53**, who served on our Board of Trustees from 1984 to 1987, have been avid supporters of the arts and the benefactors of Zimmerman Recital Hall in the Suzanne H. Arnold Gallery on campus. Please read about Dick's contributions to the College in the In Memoriam section.

In the coming years, renewing and re-energizing existing partnerships, as well as forging new partnerships, will be of strategic importance to Lebanon Valley. I hope you enjoy this issue.

Warmest regards,



Dr. Lewis E. Thayne, President

## Curtin Named New Vice President

**Shawn P. Curtin**, formerly interim associate vice president for enrollment management and assistant provost for administration at the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia, was named vice president of finance and administration at LVC and began his duties on July 1.

"I am delighted that Shawn has joined us at Lebanon Valley College to oversee the areas of finance and administration. Shawn's experiences in the collegiate and corporate environments are important assets as the College launches a new strategic plan," said **Dr. Lewis E. Thayne**, LVC president.

Curtin brings extensive experience in financial management and budget development in higher education and the for-profit sector. At the University of the Sciences, he worked with 600 faculty on academic department budget forecasting, new course and program development, and budget and business planning.

"Shawn's strategic and analytical financial skills as well as his hands-on experience in enrollment and financial aid at the University of the Sciences will benefit Lebanon Valley College," added Dr. Thayne.



*Shawn P. Curtin*



*The Physics Department celebrated its 100th anniversary in April and the department chairs for all 100 years were represented. (front, l. to r.): Dr. Mike Day, Dr. Jacob Rhodes '43, Kenneth Grimm '50 (son of Dr. Samuel O. Grimm, founding department chair), Dr. Barry Hurst, and Dr. Scott Walck*

## Happy Anniversary

It has been a year of big anniversaries at the College with academic departments, student organizations, and others celebrating milestones. Among those who recently celebrated anniversaries or who celebrate anniversaries this year include:

- Physics Department**—100th Anniversary
- "Hot Dog" Frank Night**—30th Anniversary
- Lebanon Valley Education Partnership**—25th Anniversary
- MBA Program**—25th Anniversary
- Freedom Week**—20th Anniversary
- LVC Symphony Orchestra**—20th Anniversary
- Suzanne H. Arnold Art Gallery**—20th Anniversary
- Unity Week**—10th Anniversary
- Vale Music Industry Conference**—10th Anniversary

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### LVC Launches Two New Academic Programs

**Dr. Stan Dacko**, chair and associate professor of physical therapy, recently announced that LVC has added two new majors to its nationally known physical therapy program. Athletic training—a 3+2 program leading to a master’s degree—and exercise science—a four-year baccalaureate program—will welcome their first classes in fall 2015. The application process to be part of this competitive and historic class is already underway.

“I am pleased that the College is adding programs in the health and wellness sciences that build on the already nationally recognized LVC Doctor of Physical Therapy Program,” Dr. Dacko said. “I am equally pleased that our graduates will have strong employment options once they graduate from LVC. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics predicts that there will be an anticipated 19 percent increase in employment prospects within the next decade for athletic trainers and exercise science majors.”



*Megan Streisel, assistant athletic trainer, and Darryl Sweeper '15*

Visit [www.lvc.edu/physical-therapy](http://www.lvc.edu/physical-therapy) to learn more about these new programs.



### Woodrow Wilson Fellow to Visit in November

Academy Award-winning documentary filmmaker Debra Chasnoff will serve as the College’s visiting Woodrow Wilson Fellow from Nov. 3–7. Chasnoff’s highly acclaimed documentaries address youth and bias issues. Her most recent film, *Straightlaced—How Gender’s Got Us All Tied Up*, explores the gender and sexuality pressures teens and young adults face. Chasnoff is the recipient of the Wallace A. Gerbode Foundation Fellowship for outstanding nonprofit leadership, the Pathfinder Award from the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network, and the first-ever alumna achievement award in documentary filmmaking from Wellesley College. Learn more at [www.lvc.edu/colloquium](http://www.lvc.edu/colloquium).

### The Day of the Dead (El Día de los Muertos)

The Suzanne H. Arnold Art Gallery will host the exhibit “The Day of the Dead” (El Día de los Muertos) from Oct. 31 to Dec. 14. It will explore the imagery connected to the Mexican celebration known as El Día de los Muertos and its relationship to conceptions of death and family heritage. It will examine the syncretism between pre-Columbian beliefs and practices and post-Spanish conquest Catholicism. The Gallery was the recipient of a 2013 President’s Innovation Fund Grant for this exhibition, and special events and workshops will be held across campus in conjunction with the show.

The exhibition is part of the Gallery’s 20th Anniversary Celebration, with additional events to be held throughout the academic year. The 20th Anniversary Celebration will also feature four shows in the spring and summer of 2015: “Kapic & Lazin: Confluence;” “Dorothy Thyne: Presence;” “44th Annual Juried Art Exhibition;” and “Selections from the Permanent Collection.”



## First John Bowman Allwein Scholars Selected

**Dr. Lewis E. Thayne**, LVC's president, recently established the John Bowman Allwein Scholars Program, the College's most prestigious honor for incoming freshmen. Named in honor of **Dr. John "Jack" Bowman Allwein '56**, whose legacy includes the largest estate gift in the College's history, the inaugural group of Allwein Scholars were welcomed to campus this fall. Chosen for their extraordinary accomplishments and exceptional promise in academics, leadership, or music, Allwein Scholars receive a full-tuition scholarship; an annual stipend of \$2,500 for research, travel, or study expenses; and are assigned a faculty mentor who will serve as their primary faculty advisor. **Dr. Jeffrey Robbins**, chair of religion and philosophy, professor of religion, and director of the American Studies Program, will serve as the inaugural faculty mentor.

Dr. Allwein's generosity will support the academic aspirations of eight students at LVC this year—five as Allwein Scholars and one each for his three previously established scholarships: The Dr. John B. Allwein '56 Scholarship; The Homer J. Allwein Scholarship, which honors his father; and The Marion Bowman Allwein & Hilda O. Bowman Scholarship, which honors his mother, Marion, and aunt, Hilda, both teachers.

**Ciara Marshall '18**, who graduated from North East High School in Cecil County, Md., is one of the inaugural Allwein Scholars. She took a few minutes this summer to share her excitement about coming to LVC.

### Q. What are you going to study at LVC?

**A.** Biochemistry & molecular biology. I was able to meet many of the science faculty this summer, which confirmed LVC as my top choice.

### Q. You considered other schools?

**A.** There were several other schools among my top choices, including the University of Delaware, University of Maryland, and The College of William & Mary, among others. However, LVC had such a nice campus, I sensed a real community-oriented feel to the place, and everyone was so friendly and welcoming when I visited. The generosity of the Allwein Scholars Program, and the chance to be part of the College's history from day one, were also important factors.



*Dr. John "Jack" Bowman Allwein '56*

### Q. In addition to academics, what else do you plan to become involved in at LVC?

**A.** Playing lacrosse for **Coach [Jackie] Dando**, trying out for a choir and Wig and Buckle, and doing volunteer work.

### Q. Anything else you would like to share with your future fellow alumni?

**A.** I am really excited about starting school at LVC and becoming part of the community. It seems to be a really amazing place with so many opportunities. I am looking forward to it.

## "Hot Dog" Frank Aftosmes Statue Refurbished

Since its dedication on Oct. 18, 1997, in LVC's Peace Garden, the life-size 5-foot, 5-inch statue of "Hot Dog" Frank Aftosmes (1902-1994) has stood the passing of time remarkably well. However, the bronze statue, created by sculptor Ronald E. Sykes and weighing a little more than 200 pounds, began to show signs of wear. Thus, the College recently refurbished the statue.

The statue was returned to the foundry where it was originally created, the New Arts Foundry in Baltimore, Md., where "Hot Dog" received a comprehensive cleaning. All accumulated stains were removed and he was given a new bronze patina—a finishing coat. The statue now looks as new as the day it was first dedicated. Valley Ambassadors have renewed the College admission tour tradition of having prospective students capture a photo beside the legendary Annville restaurant owner. Come back during Homecoming Oct. 10-11 and have your picture taken with "Hot Dog" Frank.



## Lebegern Learning Commons Opens

This summer, the lower level of the Mund College Center was transformed into the Lebegern Learning Commons in recognition of the generous \$1 million-



*Caitlin Murphy '12, associate director of global education, moves into her new office in the Lebegern Learning Commons.*

plus gift of **Howard F. Lebegern '49** and his wife of 59 years, **Margaret Neal Lebegern**. The Commons is equipped with the latest in technology and serves as a gathering place for students to learn, study, and collaborate.

The Lebegern Learning Commons houses the Centers for Writing Resources, Tutoring Resources, Disability Resources, Global Education, and Career Development. The project also included a new Commuter Center, multiple technology hubs, and a newly updated Multipurpose Room/Underground. New spaces were also created for use by Wig and Buckle, the digital communications and music recording technology programs, and other campus groups. Finally, a new entrance/stairway to the lower level was added along Sheridan Avenue.

## Women's Leadership Symposium and Women in the Sciences Event

The fourth annual Women's Leadership Symposium, "Leading From the Inside Out," was held earlier this month on campus. The event brings undergraduate women together to network with one another as well as with campus and local female leaders. It enables participants to strengthen their leadership ability and build community and connection.

Also, as part of the 2014-2015 Colloquium Series on "Gender," the College will host a "Celebration of Women in the Sciences" on Oct. 9. It will be a day-long event designed to foster and highlight the contributions of women across the STEM disciplines. Dr. Natalie Panek, a rocket scientist, explorer, and advocate for women in technology, will be the keynote speaker.



## Celebrate Homecoming 2014

Alumni, family, and friends of The Valley are gearing up for the College's signature fall weekend, Homecoming, to celebrate all things Valley. We invite you to return to your alma mater Oct. 10-11 and help make this the biggest Homecoming celebration ever. In addition to field hockey, men's and women's soccer, and football games at home, there will be an academic sit-in, the Blue & White Club Golf Classic, Alumni Awards, the Athletic Hall of Fame, Sorrentino Gymnasium dedication, an art exhibition, the Ghosts of LVC Walking Tour, a lawn concert, and the dedication of the Lebegern Learning Commons, among many other fun and family-friendly events. There will also be the debut of Flying Dutchman Ale, brewed



exclusively for Homecoming by brewer **Joshua Schucker '98** and LVC science students (see p. 14). Register online at [www.lvc.edu/homecoming](http://www.lvc.edu/homecoming) or call 1-800-ALUM-LVC.

To get ready for Homecoming, we asked some alumni about their favorite campus location.

**Kirk Wise '79**—The Leedy Theater; *Kirk's award-winning band, the Jazz Me Band, will perform Friday night during Homecoming.*

**Zach Strohm '09**—The basement of Funkhouser, where we held our Tau Kappa Epsilon meetings.

**Lisa Landis Schaeffer '04**—Peace Garden; it is where my husband proposed.

**Paul Dissinger '94**—North College  
**Sherri Pursell '04**—Social Quad Gazebo

**Meghan Rouse Young '99**—Field Hockey Field

**Shelly Burkholder '09**—North College

### Sokaitis Named Women's Basketball Coach

**Amy Sokaitis**, formerly an assistant coach of the NCAA Division II program at Southern Connecticut State University (SCSU) and Division I program at Yale University, was named LVC's head women's basketball coach in July. She spent the last three years as the top assistant coach at SCSU.

"Amy's energy, enthusiasm, and drive to succeed will be a great formula to continue the success we have come to expect with our women's basketball program," said **Rick Beard '90, M'92**, LVC athletic director.

Sokaitis, a native of Fairbanks, Alaska, inherits one of the nation's top programs. The Flying Dutchmen have won three of the last four Commonwealth Conference Championships and qualified for five straight NCAA Tournaments. They return four starters and all but two players overall for 2014-2015, led by point guard **Kiely Chaklos '15**, dynamic scorers **Taylor Umbrell '16**, **Peyton Carper '16**, and **Bridget Rothert '16**, and post presence **Lexie Lantz '17**.

Visit [GoDutchmen.com](http://GoDutchmen.com) to learn more about Coach Sokaitis, including a video of her introductory press conference.



Amy Sokaitis



### LVC Launches BLUE & WHITE CLUB

The Office of Advancement recently partnered with the Athletics Department to create the BLUE & WHITE CLUB to provide annual assistance for all Dutchmen student-athletes and teams.

Through gifts to the BLUE

& WHITE CLUB, alumni, parents, and friends of the College can play a role in the support and enhancement of the student-athlete experience at LVC. Gifts through the BLUE & WHITE CLUB benefit student-athletes in the following ways:

- Support and enhancement of the athletics budget for 24 intercollegiate sports
- Team equipment and uniforms
- Video equipment
- Athletic facilities improvements
- Team travel
- Hall of Champions and athlete recognition activities
- A quality athletic experience that fosters personal growth and pride in The Valley

Show your Dutchmen pride and visit

[GoDutchmen.com/BlueandWhite](http://GoDutchmen.com/BlueandWhite) to join the BLUE & WHITE CLUB today!

### 10 Dutchmen Named All-Americans and Four Named Academic All-Americans

LVC student-athletes had another successful year athletically and academically in 2013-2014, led by a record four Dutchmen receiving CoSIDA Academic All-American recognition: **Sam Derr '14** and **Katie Deardorff '14, D'16** (softball), and **Cynthia Adams '14, D'16** (cross

country, track & field)

and **Kelsey Patrick**

**'16** (cross country,

track & field). Derr

and Adams were

also among 10 Flying

Dutchmen to earn

national recognition

for their athletic

excellence. The others

named All-American

were **Michael Harnish**

**'15** (track & field);

**Ryan Lanigan '14**

(lacrosse); **Zach Halpin**

**'14, Frank Gaffney**

**'15, and Brendan**

**Kozub '15** (football);

**Sammy Bost '17**

(softball); **Bailey**

**Benz '15** (lacrosse);

and **Kevin Agnew '15**

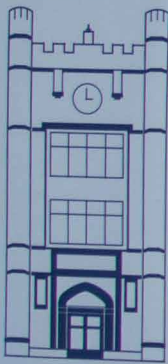
(basketball).



Cynthia Adams '14, D'16



Lebanon Valley College



1866



“Summer sunshine and colorful flowers highlight a campus pathway stretching toward the Social Quad..”

# Partnership

*by Christine Brandt Little*

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“The College requires great partners, along with the learning opportunities they offer, to help prepare our students to thrive in the global community and succeed in their chosen professions.”

—Dr. Lewis E. Thayne, President

Students are drawn to Lebanon Valley College for many reasons. Some like its intimate size and welcoming atmosphere. Others value its proximity to the state capitol and the many opportunities available there. It's safe to say, however, that students don't tend to come to The Valley to hide away from life or evade their futures. Instead, they use The Valley as their home base as they set out to explore their interests and launch their careers by taking advantage of the College's diverse study abroad opportunities, countless options for internships, and varied community service projects that help them discover who they are and what is most important to them.

The College's commitment to engaging with the world has been central to its mission since it was founded in 1866 by a group of far-sighted business leaders—judges, bankers, farmers, merchants, and politicians—in collaboration with church leaders. These founders saw the value of an education based in the liberal arts but enriched and broadened by a committed involvement in the world. Today, the College continues to extend its reach far beyond Annville through a rich web of long-standing partnerships in academics, business, the arts, community service, healthcare, and sustainability, among many others. And under the leadership of LVC **President Dr. Lewis E. Thayne**, many exciting new collaborations are in the works that will continue to make a Lebanon Valley College education anything but an ivory tower experience.

These beyond-the-campus partnerships are more important than ever, according to **Dr. David Rudd**, Eugene C. Fish Distinguished Chair of

Business and professor of business administration at The Valley. “Today, the expectation from the workplace is that when you are a student, you will have done something beyond the classroom to prepare yourself for what you want to do,” says Rudd. “LVC offers students numerous opportunities to extend their education beyond campus through internships, practicums, student teaching, study abroad, community service, and many other mutually beneficial experiences.”

Cultivating these partnerships with businesses, service organizations, and alumni not only deepens the impact of an LVC education—it’s a solid marketing strategy that attracts more high-achieving students to campus. “The best thing we can do is put as many of our students as possible out on the broadest stage,” Rudd says. “The kids here are absolutely spectacular. What we have to do is make sure the world knows they’re here, so they can come and get them.”

Below are some examples of the diverse ways the College seeks to cultivate beyond-the-campus partnerships that broaden its reach and deepen its educational impact. For additional stories and photos, visit [www.lvc.edu/Partnerships](http://www.lvc.edu/Partnerships).

### Longtime Partnership with Ft. Indiantown Gap Benefits Both Campuses

LVC has shared a partnership with the Ft. Indiantown Gap National Guard Training Center dating back at least to 1972, when the College sponsored a group of Vietnamese refugees housed at the Gap and welcomed them as LVC students. The late **Greg Stanson '63**, vice president *emeritus* of enrollment and student services, and the late **Glenn Woods '51**, associate professor *emeritus* of English, interviewed refugees at the Gap and admitted 13 whom they felt had the best chance to succeed at the College. Of the 13 selected, 12 graduated from LVC and one transferred to another school.

One of the 12, **Dr. Si Pham '79**, eventually became a cardiothoracic surgeon at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, one of the team of physicians who in 1993 performed a heart and liver transplant on Pennsylvania’s then-governor, Robert P. Casey. Today, Dr. Pham is a recognized expert in heart and lung transplantation in the University of Maryland Medical System in Baltimore.

LVC and Ft. Indiantown Gap have shared several other mutually beneficial partnerships over the years. For instance, The Valley’s Office of Graduate & Professional Studies coordinated an MBA cohort at the Gap in 2008. Several LVC students have completed internships there, and several Gap



(l. to r.): Major Craig Kiehl, Lt. Col. Richard Collage (Pennsylvania National Guard Counterdrug Coordinator), MSgt. James Johnston '71, and Dreama O'Neal '93

employees serve as adjunct faculty at the College. And the 28th Combat Aviation Brigade, 28th Infantry Division from the Gap has presented the Color Guard at LVC ice hockey’s annual Military Appreciation Night.

One of the most beneficial collaborations between LVC and the Gap has been LVC’s participation in the Pennsylvania National Guard’s Northeast Counterdrug Training Center (NCTC), a federally funded law-enforcement training program that has been based at the Gap since 1999.

Each year, the Pennsylvania National Guard trains up to 19,000 law enforcement professionals from an 18-state region. “Our mission is to provide counterdrug training to law enforcement officers in the Northeast at no cost to their agencies,” says **MSgt. James Johnston '71**, who worked with the NCTC as an information specialist until his retirement in 2009. Located just seven miles from the Gap, LVC is ideally situated to provide facilities for training events—from physical fitness testing on the College’s athletic fields to seminars in methamphetamine production in its chemistry labs. Johnston partners with his alma mater in other ways as well. He has been an adjunct instructor at LVC’s Community Music Institute for the past 17 years.

The partnership between LVC and the NCTC took on a more formal aspect several years ago when LVC began offering college credit for accredited courses offered by the NCTC. “We had been looking for quite awhile to make a link with a local college to offer credit for the coursework,” Johnston says. “We received a lot of enthusiasm from Lebanon Valley.” Today, NCTC courses are offered at the Gap, and law enforcement personnel who complete the courses satisfactorily receive credit from LVC through the College’s Sociology and Criminal Justice Department. In turn, LVC criminal justice majors have had the opportunity to undertake internships at the Gap.

One of those interns, **Shane Miller '13**, leveraged his senior-year NCTC internship into a spot at Harrisburg Area Community College's Municipal Police Academy. The criminal justice major especially enjoyed the classes he was able to take at the NCTC—everything from identifying deceptive behaviors to searching cars for hidden drugs. “It was a little overwhelming for me to work with all these law enforcement professionals with 15 or 25 years of experience on drug task forces, but it was a great experience,” he says. Miller has applied to be a Pennsylvania state trooper and has found his NCTC internship to be an asset. “Having completed the NCTC classes helps set me apart in interviews since you traditionally already have to be in law enforcement to sit for them,” he says.

According to **Major Kraig Kiehl**, deputy commander for the Counterdrug Joint Task Force and former commandant for NCTC, the benefits go both ways. “We expose LVC students to the situations and circumstances that they’re going to face when they graduate,” says Kiehl, who also was a long-time adjunct professor of criminal justice at LVC. “Interns sometimes don’t realize how big the criminal justice world is. Conversely, with LVC offering college credit for our classes, we’re giving our law enforcement students at NCTC an opportunity to work toward completing their degrees.”

*Ft. Indiantown Gap, headquarters to the DMVA and Pennsylvania National Guard, offers more than 17,000 acres and 140 training areas and facilities for year-round training. It balances one of the region’s most ecologically diverse areas with a military mission that supports 19,000 Pennsylvania National Guard personnel and more than 130,000 other states’ military, law enforcement, and civilian personnel each year. It is the only live-fire, maneuver military training facility in Pennsylvania.*

## Teaming Up with Spooky Nook Sports

Spooky Nook Sports, located just outside the city of Lancaster, is the largest indoor sports complex in the country, with more than 700,000 square feet under its roof, an air dome, outdoor field hockey pitch, and sand courts. The facility hosts sports clubs, leagues, tournaments, and championship events as well as serves as a family recreation and fitness center. Among other notable partnerships, Spooky Nook is the official training center of the U.S. Women’s National Field Hockey Team.

Spooky Nook also provides an exceptional opportunity for Lebanon Valley College interns and alumni—including **Patrick Grant '02** and **Abby Wise '12**.

With the addition of two new academic programs at LVC next fall—in athletic training and exercise science—

the College hopes to deepen the partnership with this unique sports facility.

Grant studied business administration at The Valley. He joined Spooky Nook earlier this year as its business development director after more than 10 years at the Hershey Entertainment and Resorts company, most recently as assistant director of sales. “I was interested in the challenge that this position offers, as well as the opportunity to work with a new organization and strong team to help build it from the ground up,” Grant says.

Throughout his career, Grant has enjoyed working with his alma mater on various initiatives. “I’ve been a guest speaker for the Strategic Management Class, and participated as a member of the Business Advisory Council,” he says, describing a program that helps prepare Valley students for internships and the



Patrick Grant '02 and Abby Wise '12



“I continue to feel that my education at Lebanon Valley College was hugely important,” Grant says. “Not only did it prepare me very well for all the roles that I’ve been in over the years, but especially for what is now a new and exciting challenge in this current position. My education at Lebanon Valley truly was the cornerstone for my professional successes and continues to help position me for success in the future. I continue to be very connected with the College and support and believe in the culture and development it provides to each student.” —Patrick Grant '02

workplace. He has also taken advantage of the opportunity to hire LVC students and graduates as interns and full-time employees.

“I’ve noticed that the caliber of communication skills—written and oral—among LVC students is impressive,” Grant says. “There’s a very strong ability to communicate with guests and customers. In addition, there’s an ability to build relationships, which is hugely important with external and internal guests, and is the foundation for any career.”

One of those former high-caliber LVC students is now Spooky Nook’s marketing assistant, **Abby Wise '12**. Wise majored in art & art history at The Valley, and points to her internship in the College’s Office of Marketing and Communications for getting her foot in the door at Spooky Nook. “I wrote a lot of press releases, designed Facebook covers, posted on social media, updated the website—all the things I do in my job now,” she says. After graduation, Wise worked in marketing and communications for several months, then the following winter began an internship at Spooky Nook, which after only four months led to a full-time job.

### A Rich and Varied Partnership with Lancaster General Health

Lebanon Valley College’s relationship with Lancaster General Health has taken on many layers over the years. The hospital has hosted several Lebanon Valley MBA cohorts on its campus, and LVC students in the school’s medical technology program can complete their bachelor’s degree through a clinical year at Lancaster General Hospital. More than 40 LVC alumni currently work there, and the College is exploring other potential partnerships between Lebanon Valley College and Lancaster General Health.

One LVC alumna, **Andrea Riefenstahl '96, M'10**, has followed a career path that echoes some of the many layers that weave Lebanon Valley and Lancaster General together. “I’m your nontraditional student all the way around,” she laughs. “I started out as a nurse and came to Lancaster General to work. I went back to school for an undergraduate degree in health care management from Lebanon Valley, then tried to decide whether to do a master’s degree in nursing or business.” She ultimately chose business, and again, Lebanon Valley. “I

kept coming back to Lebanon Valley because it was so friendly and warm,” she says. “The day I went into the MBA office, they said, ‘Where have you been? We’ve been waiting for you!’”

Riefenstahl completed her MBA in 2010 and today is director of electrophysiology & pacing at Lancaster General Health. Over the years, she has continued to find ways to connect with Lebanon Valley students and alumni. “I’m involved in the student mentorship program, so students come in to shadow me, and I help them look at whether a career in medicine or health care would be interesting,” she says. She also meets regularly with a group of alumni and administrators from the Lebanon Valley College MBA Program to identify opportunities for networking, socializing, and growing the MBA Program.

### Brewing up Fun at Snitz Creek Brewery

When Snitz Creek Brewery opened in downtown Lebanon earlier this year, **Michelle Krall M'11**, associate director of LVC’s Office of Alumni &

Parent Engagement, saw potential for collaboration. She contacted **Joshua Schucker '98**, Snitz Creek's head brewer, to brainstorm ways to bring Snitz Creek to LVC in a fun *and* educational way.

"The brewery had just opened in January, so our name had been out there as the first brewery in Lebanon County since 1959," says Schucker, who studied chemistry at The Valley. "Michelle wanted to explore ways to collaborate and have Snitz Creek beer at Homecoming. I figured it would be a great way to give back to my alma mater."

This fall, Schucker works with LVC students to brew and relabel one of Snitz Creek's existing beers ("Explorer Ale") in celebration of Lebanon Valley College's Homecoming Weekend, Oct. 10-11. Six LVC science majors—**Katie McCardle '15**, **Tim Carroll '15**, **Jinesh Gandhi '15**, **Andrew Stoltzfus '15**, **Adam Thomas '16**, and **Bill Lewis '16** will help Schucker brew the batch at

Snitz Creek. "I'll definitely be putting them to work," he laughs. Even the name for the beer was created by an LVC student, **Megan Doris '16**, who suggested "Flying Dutchmen Ale" while working in the Office of Alumni & Parent Engagement this summer.

After graduation, Schucker worked in an environmental laboratory for 16 years but had long enjoyed home brewing. He leapt at the opportunity to join Snitz Creek and is enjoying the opportunity to share his knowledge with LVC students. "When you become a chemistry major you don't think, 'I could be a brewer,' but this partnership will be a nice way to show these chemistry students a less-traveled avenue where they can apply principles that they've learned and see how they translate to the workplace," he says. "And it will be pretty neat just to be involved in producing a beer that's going to be served at a tailgate party."

Schucker looks forward to expanding Snitz Creek's partnership with the

College in coming years. "I'd like to get more students and more of the local community involved," he says.

## Building Partnerships with Parents and Alumni

One of LVC's most significant partners contributing to the excellence of the College is its corps of alumni and alumni parents, who play a crucial role in encouraging promising high school students to apply to and attend the College. "Alumni and parents of alumni play such a key role in our recruitment efforts—everything from a soft kind of touch to a more targeted approach," says **Sue Sarisky Jones '92**, LVC's senior associate director of admission. "When a graduate displays their LVC pride on their license plate, on a shirt or banner, in their classroom, or anywhere they interact with other people, they bring attention to us at the most basic level. When they talk about their college days, or their favorite professor, or how the College helped launch their career, they help in a more direct way."

Jones adds that alumni can also help the College attract outstanding high school students through direct referrals. "An alum or parent can share the name of a great student with us or encourage a student to fill out an online inquiry," she notes. "Also, parents, siblings, aunts, and uncles can share The Valley in a positive way by bringing their college-bound relatives to campus for events like a basketball game or Homecoming."

LVC alumni can also proudly represent their alma mater at local college fairs [like **Angela Magazino '07** did in Chicago in July] and other admission-related events. "At college fairs, it is impressive to high school students and their parents when a graduate of the institution takes the time to represent their institution,



Joshua Schucker '98

share stories about faculty that inspired them, the in- and out-of-class experiences, and the outcomes,” Jones says. “We’re eager for alums to share their stories. It’s not about knowing our facts and figures—our website does that—but when alums share their passion and nostalgia, and how they’ve been successful in their lives with LVC as the launching point, then they’ve really done a great service for their alma mater.”



*Eloise Newsome P'07*

All of which applies to alumni parents as well, as **Eloise Newsome P'07** can attest. Her son, **Alan Newsome '07**, majored in actuarial science at The Valley and now works for John Hancock in Boston, Mass. Though she’s now retired from a position as a guidance counselor at William Penn High School in York, based on her experience as a Valley parent, Newsome has referred several students to LVC.

“When their kids are happy at a school, parents are great recruiters,” Newsome notes. “Some parents, especially those whose kids who are the first in their family to attend college, are nervous about their kids going away. It can definitely be reassuring when parents of current students or alumni say it’s been a good experience.”

Jones is gratified that alumni and parents have been so responsive and interested in helping recruit promising students. “Our alums and parents are passionate,” she says. “They have good connections, and they remember every opportunity offered by the College. Many say it’s very rewarding for them to have the opportunity to give back.” Alumni and parents who are interested in representing LVC at a college fair in their local area or participating in other admission efforts can contact Jones at [sjones@lvc.edu](mailto:sjones@lvc.edu).

## A Budding Research Collaboration in Hungary

When **Dr. Timothy Peelen**, associate professor of chemistry, planned his sabbatical during the 2012–2013 academic year, he thought it would be ideal to combine work with family time. So he and his family set their sights on Budapest, Hungary, which is his wife’s home country, to give his three children the opportunity to learn the language and to give him the opportunity to teach classes and pursue research with Dr. Zoltán Novák at the Eötvös

Loránd University (ELTE) in Budapest. Two LVC students, **Tai Nguyen '14** and **Rachel Denny '14**, joined Peelen during the summer to conduct research of their own at ELTE.

But Peelen had an additional motive: establishing a research and study-abroad partnership with chemistry faculty at ELTE. “Part of the sabbatical in Budapest was to investigate opportunities for our students to go there in coming years to do research at ELTE and explore the city and the country,” Peelen explains. “Bringing Tai and Rachel over gave us a chance to see how the collaborations would work and to test logistics.”

The experiment went so well that Peelen received a \$177,789 grant from the National Science Foundation’s International Research Experiences for Students (IRES) program to underwrite the travel and living expenses for four students—two from LVC and two from other schools—to study in Budapest each summer from 2015 through 2017.

“The IRES program is devoted to fostering research experiences abroad,” says Peelen. “While certainly the internationalization of science is important, the simple argument is that research is great, study abroad is great, and this is an ideal way to get students abroad during the summer to get hands-on experience in a different culture.”

Nguyen, who studied biology at LVC, can attest to the value of the experience. He was able to join Peelen in Budapest during the summer of 2013 thanks to a generous E.H. and Jeanne Donlevy Arnold Grant that covered his travel and living expenses. “Budapest is one of the greatest memories I had at LVC and one of the best experiences of my life,” he says. “The biggest things I took away from the experience were enhanced critical thinking skills and

more confidence in myself. Summer research was much more independent than going to a lab during the year, and that was something I had to adjust to. We were given our own projects to work on, and that has taught me to be more independent with my academics and to think critically about how to solve a wide variety of problems.” Nguyen currently works toward his doctorate in dental medicine at Temple



*Tai Nguyen '14 and Rachel Denny '14*



*More than 20 LVC alumni work at the Milton Hershey School, including (front: l. to r.): Matt Campbell '95, Rob Wagner M'95, Michelle Rhen Allen '77, James Reilly '87, and Chad Marley '99; (back, l. to r.): Nicholas Buckwalter '05, Ashley Smith '13, Jennifer Guimond M'05, and William Verdon '07. Not pictured: Courtney Abbott Bonenberger '06, Sandra Daylor '94, Heather Dougherty M'07, Eric Koper '83, Ann Sealey Lemke '79, Tabitha Mains McQuiddy '99, Adria Keefer Miller '99, Margaret Prebula Miller '09, Dr. Carrie Champ Morera '99, Shannon Gamble Newell '04, Stephen Valentine M'06, and Mark Zerbe '91*

University's Kornberg School of Dentistry in Philadelphia.

Peelen is optimistic about the future of the LVC—ELTE partnership in Budapest. In fact, he has already begun working with his colleagues in Budapest on the process for selecting students for summer 2015.

### High-Achieving Students From the "Neighborhood:" The Milton Hershey School

Lebanon Valley College admission personnel scouting promising high school students have long had a willing partner in the nearby Milton Hershey School. The school's vice president of administration, **Elliott Robinson**, has

served on LVC's Board of Trustees since 2008 and is a strong supporter of The Valley. "Lebanon Valley is a great school," he says. "I enjoy its attention to detail in how educational services are delivered to students and the unique relationship it has to the community, with a strong service focus that gets students engaged."

Robinson notes that he's always glad when Milton Hershey School (MHS) students take an interest in attending Lebanon Valley College. "The nurturing nature of the school is consistent with what the students experience at the Milton Hershey School," he says, adding that well-prepared MHS seniors have the opportunity to take college classes for credit at The Valley while

still enrolled in high school. "That helps reinforce their interest in higher education and exposes them to the environment at Lebanon Valley," he adds.

But it's not only MHS students who find their way to Lebanon Valley to further their education. **Jennifer Guimond M'05** was already working at MHS when she came to the College for her MBA. "I'd always wanted my MBA and had heard good things about the program," she says. "I liked the smaller classes and the focus on practical applications, since my perspective as a working adult was so different. The program always pushed you to collaborate with others and apply your learning to real-world examples."

Purcell Friendship Garden, Milton Hershey School



Today, Guimond, one of about 20 LVC alumni who work at the school, manages the Milton Hershey School's clothing center and haircare salon. "In addition to running the day-to-day operations, I purchase all of the clothing, linens, and household items for the students and the student homes," she says. "It's a nice mix of feeling good that you're supporting the students, and taking care of the business and purchasing end of things."



Elliott Robinson

In coming years, Robinson and Guimond hope that more of their graduates—and their colleagues—will make their way down the road to Annville. "There's a lot of synergy in place, and as time passes, it will be a stronger relationship," Robinson says. "Dr. Thayne brings a refreshing leadership style that the school needs as it projects out to the future."

### Internships Open Doors—Especially When LVC Alumni Provide the Opportunity

Whether seeking a great internship or launching a rewarding career, Lebanon Valley students have always had a profound resource in the College's vibrant alumni community. "When Lebanon Valley and its alumni partner for the benefit of current students, it's a win-win for everyone," says **Sharon Givler**, LVC's director of career development. "Students become familiar with industries, employers, jobs, and internships around the country that

they might not otherwise know about or pursue. Alumni find satisfaction in mentoring and influencing lives that will have impact on the world, while at the same time developing a larger pool of qualified and diverse candidates for their organizations to consider for internships and career employment. And the College gains a wider base of support and access to greater areas of expertise that will strengthen the institution."

**Brianna Steinitz '15** would agree about the importance of a well-targeted internship. Armed with a major in Music Recording Technology (MRT) and her experience as president of Vale Records, LVC's student-run record label,

"There's a lot of synergy in place, and as time passes, it will be a stronger relationship. Dr. Thayne brings a refreshing leadership style that the school needs as it projects out to the future." —Elliott Robinson

Steinitz stepped into an internship at the Big Machine Label Group in Nashville this past summer. "Though I worked in the business side of the industry rather than in a studio, my major in MRT most certainly helped me," she says. "For example, my ears have been trained to hear what's good and what's bad, and I was able to make sense of the lingo they speak in the industry. I think it's safe to say that my major helped me get my internship—most of the other interns I've met are music business majors. I have a different background and skill set."

**James Long '14** can testify to the value of his two internships for exposing him to the responsibilities involved in his chosen career path. Long majored in music business at The Valley and undertook two outstanding internships while there—with the Baltimore Symphony and the Harrisburg Symphony. “I learned how orchestras and nonprofit arts organizations worked—it was very helpful,” he says. “I learned how to prepare musician payroll, reviewed artist riders, and was present at rehearsals. I wrote program notes,



*James Long '14 and Dr. Mark Mecham*

made packets for youth, and went on school visitations. It was one of the best things I've done in my life.”

Not all internships lead to jobs, of course—they're not meant to. Most help students fine-tune their career goals and gain experience in fields they may not yet have had the opportunity to explore. This certainly was the case for **Alyssa Mitchell '13**, a chemistry major at The Valley who took on a senior-year internship with Hershey Foods. *[Hershey called these experiences externships in order to distinguish them from their own internship program.]* She wanted to try out the field of industrial chemistry—and liked what she saw.



*Brianna Steinitz '15 (left) and Nashville colleagues*

“I had done a lot of undergraduate research in an academic setting, and then through The Hershey Company I learned about chemical research in industry,” she says. “After I completed my research at Hershey, I knew I wanted to go to graduate school to complete a Ph.D. and work in industry rather than academia.” Today, Mitchell is working on her doctorate in inorganic chemistry at the University of Florida and looks forward to a career in industrial chemical research.

Mitchell is just one of numerous LVC alumni who were able to conduct industry-based research at The Hershey Company through a program initiated by **Dr. Donald Dahlberg**, professor *emeritus* of chemistry and science internship director, about 20 years ago. Others were able to find the Hershey research program on their own. Regardless of how these alumni found the opportunity, these graduates have gone on to excel in careers around the country ranging from the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Microsoft Corporation to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and The Pennsylvania State University.

**Nathan Walters '13** was looking for an internship for the summer after his junior year when he approached New World Pasta in Harrisburg. While

interviewing for the position, Walters discovered an LVC connection in **Tim Smith M'09**, manager of the company's accounting department. “During the hour talking with him, we spoke mostly about LVC and how highly he thinks of the school,” Walters says. “While my area of study—business administration—did fit the description of the internship well, I think that being a student from LVC was a major deciding factor for choosing me as the intern.” Walters worked in several departments of the company during that summer, and in the fall was offered the opportunity to continue his internship for credit. As graduation approached, an opening became available in the company's accounts receivable department. Walters' success as an intern, combined with a good word from Smith, ultimately led to a job offer, and today Walters works full time in the accounts receivable department at New World Pasta.

These internship collaborations between the College and its off-campus partners provide high-impact learning experiences that enrich students' learning and connect them professionally, while benefitting the employers themselves, Givler says. “Working in partnership, especially where internships are concerned, helps the shared objectives of faculty, alumni, and students become realized,” she notes. “When faculty who are looking for solid experiential opportunities that build on and extend classroom learning collaborate with employers looking for talent to groom, they can share in developing stellar internship experiences.”

*Interested in exploring the possibility of hiring an LVC intern at your workplace? Contact Sharon Givler, director of career development, at 717-867-6237 or [givler@lvc.edu](mailto:givler@lvc.edu) to learn more.*

**Christine Brandt Little is a writer from Gettysburg.**

## Class News & Notes

**NOTE:** All locations are in Pennsylvania unless otherwise noted.

### BIRTHS

#### '90s

**Kirk Cremer '90** and his wife, Kate, welcomed a son, Elias James, into their family March 3. Kirk is a copywriter with USI Affinity in Philadelphia.

**Jennifer Hanshaw Hackett '93** and her husband, **Sean Hackett '93**, welcomed a daughter, Catherine Siobhán, into their family July 6, 2012. She joins big sister Morgan. Jen is a freelance editor. Sean teaches choral music at Conrad Weiser High School and directs the Lebanon County Choral Society.

**Elizabeth "Beth" Schlundt Tinsley '96** and her husband, Mark, welcomed their fourth child, Levi, into their family Jan. 24. Levi joins older brothers Luke, 9, and Jack, 8, and older sister Megan, 5.



*Elias James Cremer*



*Morgan and Catherine Siobhán Hackett*

#### '00

**Maureen Anderson Bentz '00** and her husband, **Adam Bentz '04**, welcomed a daughter, Eleanor Ruth, into their family April 23. Maureen is LVC's access services librarian. Adam is an adjunct instructor in history at LVC.



*(l to r): Megan, Luke, Levi, and Jack Tinsley*



*Eleanor Ruth Bentz*

#### '02

**Karen Sanderson Grant '02** and her husband, **Patrick Grant '02**, welcomed a son, Jackson Bryan, into their family March 4.

**Abby Smith Mazzoni '02** and her husband, Al Mazzoni, welcomed a son, Mason Nicholas, into their family April 18.

#### '03

**Lindsey Forry Miller '03** and her husband, **Richard Miller Jr. '06**, welcomed a son, Finnegan Ryan, into their family May 9. He joins big brother Ewan, age 3. Lindsey teaches preschool for the Jewish Council for Youth Services and Richard is in his third year of studies at the Illinois College of Optometry.



*Finnegan Ryan Miller and big brother Ewan.*

**Megan Pierce Zimmerman '08** and her husband, **David P. Zimmerman '07**, welcomed a son, Paul Robert, into their family March 4.

## '09

**Jennifer Payne Decker '09** and her husband, **Dwight A. Decker Jr. '09**, welcomed a son, Lucas Dwight, into their family Nov. 3, 2013.



*Lucas Dwight Decker*



*Fiona Victorine Zechman with Wes Dellinger '75*

## '05

**Courtney Dellinger Zechman '05** and her husband, Cpl. Nathan Zechman, welcomed a daughter, Fiona Victorine, into their family April 14. Fiona is the granddaughter of **Wes Dellinger '75**, chair of the LVC Board of Trustees, and **Amy Hoopes Dellinger '78**.

## '08

**Dominick D. DiNunzio M'08** and his wife, Jessica, welcomed a son, Nick, into their family Jan. 8.

**Dr. Alexis Krokono Weidow '08, D'10** and her husband, **Brian Weidow '08**, welcomed a daughter, Cecilia Blaine, into their family Sept. 9, 2013.



*Cecilia Blaine Weidow*



*Paul Robert Zimmerman*

## FRIENDS OF THE COLLEGE

**Megan Potteiger** and her husband, Dustin, welcomed a daughter, Beverly Charlotte, into their family May 3. Megan is the director of the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning at LVC.

**Dr. Rebecca Urban** and her husband, Tim Doty, welcomed a daughter, Lillian "Lily" Anne, into their family March 6. Rebecca is an assistant professor of biology at LVC.

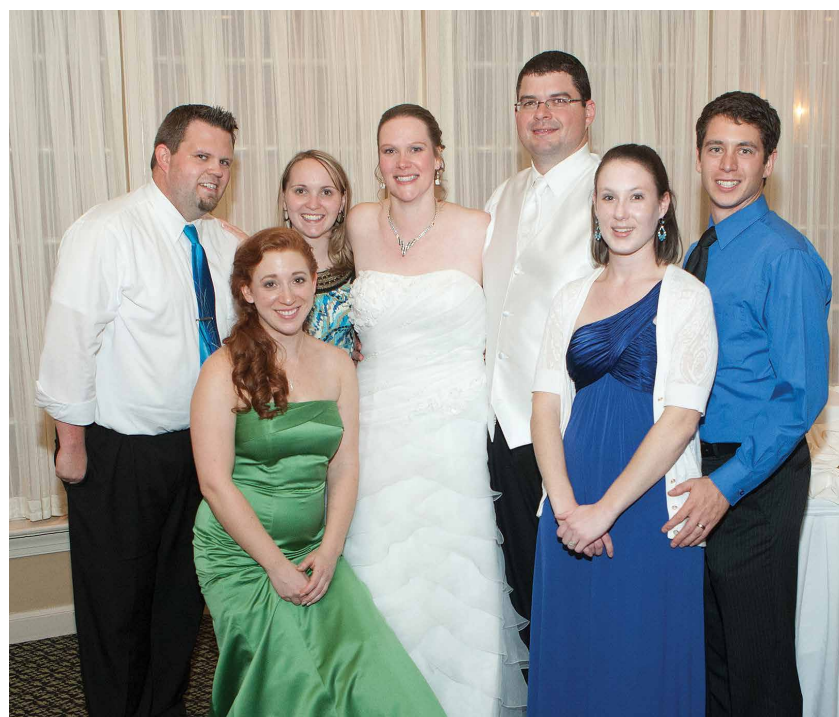
## WEDDINGS

## '90s

**Kirk Yagel '99** and Marie Cook exchanged wedding vows Dec. 7, 2013, in Hershey. **Chris Albright '99**, **Julia Alandar Albright '96**, **Lynn Hibshman '99**, **Mark Powl '99**, **Brian Blanford '97**, **Allyson Schneider Blanford '97**, the Rev. Dr. David Harris '81, and Penny Halbleib Harris '83 were in attendance.



Marie Cook and Kirk Yagel '99



(front, l. to r.): Erica Trapasso '10, Katie Hartman Gingrich '10, and Jonathan Gingrich '10;  
(back, l. to r.) Jeff Dresely '09, Katie DeMario '10, Katie Campbell King '09, and Greg King



Jill D. Helsel '01 and Michelle Walmsley '01

## '01

Jill D. Helsel '01 and Crawford Gingrich were married May 25, 2013, on Grand Cayman. Michelle Walmsley '01 flew to the island for the ceremony. Jill is the assistant vice president/communications director for the Pennsylvania Banker's Association in Harrisburg.

## '07

Dr. Erika Wickard '07, D'09 and Timothy Peterson exchanged wedding vows Oct. 13, 2013, in Lewisberry. Dr. Nicole Caruso '08, D'10, Dr. Paige Callan Wickum '07, Dr. Brittany Dukeman '07, D'09, Laura Yeager '07, Kathleen Persak '08, Aubrey Weigand-Heller '07, Dr. Adrienne Nye Reich '06, D'08, and Dr. Borko Rodic '06, D'08 were in attendance. Erika is a physical therapist and clinic manager at Central PA Rehabilitation Services, Inc. in Millersburg.



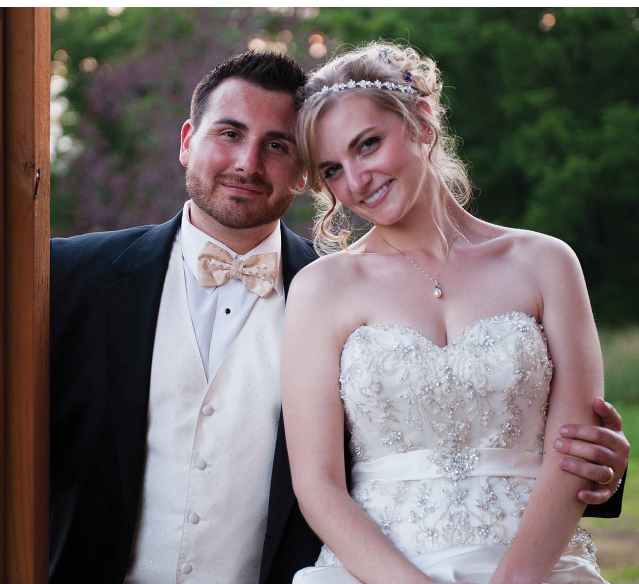
(l. to r.): Dr. Nicole Caruso '08, D'10, Dr. Paige Callan Wickum '07, Dr. Brittany Dukeman '07, D'09, Laura Yeager '07, Tim Peterson, Dr. Erika Wickard Peterson '07, D'09, Kathleen Persak '08, Aubrey Weigand-Heller '07, Dr. Adrienne Nye Reich '06, D'08, and Dr. Borko Rodic '06, D'08

## '09

Katherine "Katie" E. Campbell '09 and Greg King exchanged wedding vows Oct. 26, 2013, in Hamburg. Erica J. Trapasso '10 was a bridesmaid. Jeff Dresely '09, Katie DeMario '10, Katie Hartman Gingrich '10, and Jonathan Gingrich '10 were in attendance. Katie is a Spanish teacher in the Hamburg Area School District.

## '10s

Dr. Chelsea Leigh Collins '10, D'12 and Tyler Wellington Thomas exchanged



*Stephenie Thomas Tedesco '10 and Benjamin Tedesco*

wedding vows Dec. 14, 2013, in Pembroke, N.C.

**Stephenie Violet Mae Thomas '10** and Benjamin Tedesco exchanged wedding vows June 15, 2013, in Thurmont, Md. **Dr. Amy Willow '10, D'12** was a bridesmaid. **Dr. Lauren Johnson Martin '10, D'12, Dr. Julie Reimold '10, D'12, Dr. Travis Fales '10, D'12, Robyn Powell '10, Tracey Fortugno Himmelreich '10, Dr. Kyle Himmelreich '08, D'10, and Allen Gunkle '81** attended.

## LEGACIES

Fourteen legacies—children of alumni—enrolled at LVC this fall. They are:

Alexander Buckingham—**Barry Buckingham '79**  
Templin Chenail—**Valerie Chenail '79**  
Caitlin Dryden—**Maria Elena Falato Dryden, Esq., '90 and Michel Dryden, Esq., '90**  
Emily Felty—**Dr. Jay Felty '54, Dr. Dana Felty '80, Nathan Felty '14, and Justin Felty '16**  
Adam Filbert—**Marliese Miller Filbert '90 and David Filbert, Esq., '87**  
Katelyn Gingrich—**Elizabeth Shepler Gingrich '89**

Paxson Hayes—**Roger Hayes '91, M'10**  
Erik Hoover—**Susan Erickson Hoover '89**  
Blake Lutz—**Jason Lutz '95**  
Paige Martin—**Marianne Martin '92**  
Joshua Rinehimer—**Nancy Lex Rinehimer '93 and Bradley Rinehimer '90**  
Emily Walak—**Lore Lee Bruwelheide Walak '88 and James Walak '88**  
Ezekiel Wertz—**Anne Eberly Wertz '87**  
Zachary Young—**Bruce Young M'10**

## CLASS NOTES

### '30s

Last year at the age of 96, **Dorothy Null Fry '39** completed a book she and her late husband, **Raymond "Raymie" Frey '39**, had written about their 65 years together. Titled "Blind Faith," it is contained in a three-ring binder. It chronicles Raymie's boyhood in Lebanon, his stardom on the Lebanon High School and Lebanon Valley College basketball teams, a military accident, and the many travels they took during their life together. Only nine months into their marriage, Raymie was seriously injured in an Army training exercise when a booby-trapped device exploded as he was showing members of his unit how to disarm it. The explosion hit him in his face, eyes, arm, and chest, causing him to lose his right eye and suffer serious damage to his left. He went on to become a physical therapist. In September 1993, he received a corneal transplant and for the first time in 50 years was able to see his beloved Dorothy, their children, and their grandchildren. The Freys visited 55 countries and all 50 states. His successful surgery gained him attention in a feature story in the National Enquirer. Dorothy herself received some notoriety in 1976. She won the Valley Forge Teacher's Medal Award from the Freedom Foundation



*Evalyn Strickler '39*

of Valley Forge for her work with her Southwest Elementary School's sixth-grade students on the Freedom Trail.

**Evalyn Strickler '39** is quite the baseball fan. Her favorite team is the Philadelphia Phillies. The 96-year-old has been following the team since 1950. On the first day of the season, she dons her baseball earrings that display a bat, ball, and glove in the shape of a baseball diamond. She's been hooked on baseball since she was approximately 10 years old. She used to attend three or four Phillies games a year, but due to health reasons, can no longer do so. She continues to watch the games on TV, read about the games in The Philadelphia Inquirer, and keep tabs on the team on the Phillies blog.

### '50s

**Floyd M. Baturin, Esq., '51**, a past Commandant of the Harrisburg Detachment of the Marine Corps League, was recognized for his 60 years of service.

**Lillian Pratt-Van Natta '50** has been volunteering with the Alateen Program at Lemon Bay High School in Englewood, Fla., for the last 10 years. Previously, she started a transportation system for senior citizens in Susquehanna Township (Dauphin County)—getting volunteer drivers and volunteer dispatchers—after teaching in the Central Dauphin School District for many years.



Frank and Dr. Gail Ritrievi '54 recently received a gift from their son-in-law—a Lebanon Valley Coin Collectors Club coin that was believed to be minted in celebration of the College's Centennial in 1966. If anyone has information about the coin, please email Tom Hanrahan at [hanrahan@lvc.edu](mailto:hanrahan@lvc.edu).

Joan Eckenrode Kirk '56 was the music director of a show involving songs from "Fiddler on the Roof" at her retirement community this past spring.

## '60s

Since retiring in 1992, **Professor Douglas Ross, Ph.D., '60**, has been a business consultant with clients in California and Florida, and has taught part



*Professor Douglas Ross, Ph.D., '60*

time. He has taught at St. Olaf College in Minnesota, Lehigh University, Monmouth College in Illinois, and Indiana University of Pennsylvania, where he was chair of psychology for seven years and

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interim dean of natural sciences and mathematics for one and a half years. He is the facilitator of Engaged in Aging, a group leader in the Aging Stakeholders Consortium, and a board member of the Senior Choices/Area Agency on Aging, all in Florida. He is the author of seven books.

The American Association of Physicists in Medicine (AAPM) presented **Dr. Edward L. Nickoloff '65** with the Edith Quimby Award for lifetime achievements in his career at their annual meeting in Austin, Texas, this past summer. It is one of the highest awards given by the AAPM. After teaching more than 31 years, Nickoloff retired from his position as professor of radiology at Columbia University in July.

**John H.L. Bernhart '69** retired from the Northwestern Lehigh School District after 40 years of teaching. He's not sure if he is unique in being an LVC Music Department graduate who has composed a full-length symphony, but if not, he's certainly among a very tiny contingent. He also stated that he had an excellent career in music education

and is grateful to LVC for helping get that started. "Best wishes to you and LVC for the future!"

**Ronald L. Long '69** and his wife, Carolyn, are coordinators of Trinity Pantry, Lehighon. It is a food bank serving needy families in the Lehighon Area School District.

**Gregory Ossmann '69** spent his career in marketing and public relations with Fortune 500 companies such as Lockheed Martin. Most recently, he retired from Mercy Health Systems as director of development and community relations. In his roles, he did a lot of corporate sponsorships, community development, and fundraising. He often had his companies sponsor music festivals and other concerts and occasionally coordinated private concerts (100–250 people) for boards and various groups. He mentioned acts such as Sinatra, Clapton, McCartney, the Rolling Stones, and other Rock n' Roll Hall of Fame performers. Ossmann also helped launch a small concert series, Sojourner, which benefits a nonprofit, where artists play their music and

discuss their lyrics, motivations, etc. Recently, he went public with his story as a survivor of child abuse and how that has impacted his life and current volunteer work.

## '70s

**James R. Biery '70** was appointed by the **Honorable Thomas W. Corbett Jr. '71**, governor of Pennsylvania, as commissioner with the Banking and Securities Commission (BSC). The BSC handles the adjudicatory function for the department, focusing on resolving disputes with depository, non-depository, and securities entities and professionals.

**Larry A. Bowman '70** retired as president of the Lebanon Valley Chamber of Commerce in August. He received the prestigious Keystone Award from the Pennsylvania Association of Chamber Professionals in 2012 and is only the 22nd person to receive the award since it was established nearly 50 years ago. The award recognizes outstanding service in and contributions to the chamber profession in Pennsylvania.

After working 35 years for the Pennsylvania Department of



*Last summer, several friends from the Class of 1978 decided to mark the 35th anniversary of their graduation with a reunion trip to Madison, Wis., home of Kathy Lazo Talatt '78. Making the trip for the visit were (l. to r.): Betsy Zimmerman Diebolt '78, Dorothy DePalma Dyer '78, Talatt, Amy Hoopes Dellinger '78, and Brenda Kling Harwick '78.*

Corrections, **Rex P. Hildebrand '74** retired in 2013. As the division chief, he oversaw assessment/classification of 51,000 inmates.

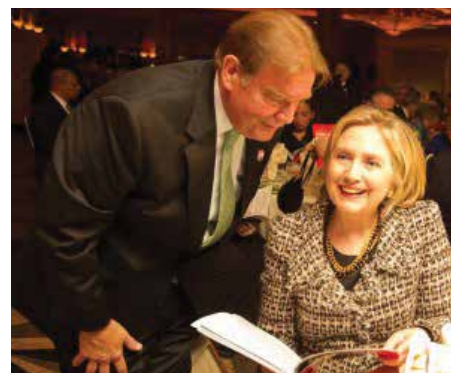
**Wesley "Wes" Dellinger '75, P'05**, chair of the LVC Board of Trustees, and his wife, **Amy Hoopes Dellinger '78, P'05**, visited several alumni and friends in Arizona in August. Those attending the event included: **Scott Berger '82, Sally Foose Berger '83, Rev. Ruthanne Kelchner Cochran '56, Robert Johns Jr. '75, Holly Johns, Nelson Umble '60, Marian Umble, and John Vaszily '66.**



*(l. to r.): Amy Hoopes Dellinger '78, P'05, Robert E. "Bob" Johns Jr. '75, Sally Foose Berger '83, Scott K. Berger '82, John C. Vaszily '66, L. Nelson "Nels" Umble '60, Wes Dellinger '75, P'05, Marian B. Umble, and the Rev. Ruthanne Kelchner Cochran '56*

**Dr. Robert S. Frey '77**, principal and owner of Successful Proposal Strategies LLC, published the sixth edition of his book, "Successful Proposal Strategies for Small Businesses," (Artech House Inc.) in May. He has also begun working toward his fourth master's degree, a master of applied science in information and communication technology, through the University of Denver.

As executive director of the United Methodist City Society in New York, the **Rev. Dr. William Shillady '78** invited former First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton to be the keynote speaker last November for the City Society's celebration of 175 Years of Mission in the City. Shillady served as a co-officiant at Chelsea Clinton's wedding, and took part in the memorial service for Hillary Clinton's mother, Dorothy Rodham, three years ago.



*Rev. Dr. William Shillady '78 with former U.S. Secretary of State, U.S. Senator, and First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton*

**Dr. Si Pham '79** is a professor of surgery and director of heart and lung transplantation and thoracic mechanical assist device programs at the University of Maryland School of Medicine.

## '80s

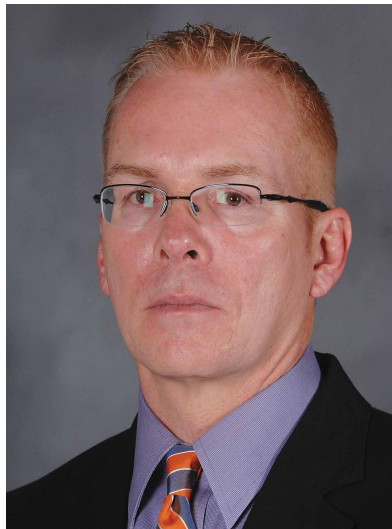
**Mark A. Hornberger '81** has been promoted to senior vice president of National Penn Bank's central region commercial lending group. He is responsible

for growth and management of a commercial lending team, and also develops and manages new and existing commercial lending relationships.

**Susanne Harley Dombrowski, C.P.A., '83** was named a Woman of Influence 2014 award recipient by the Central Penn Business Journal. She serves on LVC's Board of Trustees, is an advisory council member for Lancaster SCORE, and is a board member for the Clare House. She is a principal and shareholder at Brown Schultz Sheridan & Fritz in their Lancaster office.

**Lisa Meyer Price '84** recently completed two continuing education courses offered by the National Library of Medicine, including a six-week online course, Fundamentals of Bioinformatics and Searching, and a subsequent "by invitation" in-person class, Librarian's Guide to NCBI, in Bethesda, Md. She learned about the numerous genetics databases at the National Center for Biomedical Research and how to search them effectively. She will put these skills to use in supporting faculty and student researchers at the Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine Health Sciences Library (formerly part of the University of Medicine & Dentistry of New Jersey), where she has been a librarian since 2001.

**Dr. Shawn Fitzgerald '88** has been named dean of the School of Education, Innovation, and Continuing Studies at Widener University in Chester.



*Dr. Shawn Fitzgerald '88*

**Kristine Kropp Betz '89** is a kindergarten teacher at East Penn Elementary School in the Lehigh Area School District. She also is director of music at St. Peter's Union Church in Tamaqua.

## '90s

**Michael G. Dryden, Esq., '90** was recently named a 2014 Pennsylvania Super Lawyer. He is a partner with Willig, Williams & Davidson in Philadelphia.

**Cheryl Batdorf M'92** is the associate dean for the College of Graduate & Professional Studies at Millersville University.

**Lisa Braccini-Barletta M'92** was the 2014 recipient of the Career Achievement Award, given by the Kappa Epsilon fraternity. She has been a dedicated member of the fraternity for more than 30 years, serving on various national committees and holding several Grand Council positions, including grand president, vice president of collegiate development, and vice president of province development. Lisa has served the Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center in various leadership roles for more than 25 years, including her current position as the director of pharmacy, outpatient services.

**Dena Owen Gabel '92** is the coordinator of hospice development and donor family services at the Northeast Pennsylvania Lions Eye Bank in Bethlehem.

**David M. Sullivan '92** was elected president of the Federation of Tax Administrators (FTA). He serves as head of the board of trustees of the FTA, helping to set policy and overseeing its full-time staff. The FTA is a national organization based in Washington, D.C., serving the principal tax collection agencies of



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the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Philadelphia, and New York City. He also is the Rhode Island tax administrator, a position he's held since 2006.

**Mike Rhoades '95** is the head basketball coach at Rice University in Houston, Texas. He previously was associate head coach at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, Va.

**Harold "Howie" Spangler '95** is vice president of information technology at ARI Fleet in Mt. Laurel, N.J.

**Alexandra Hummer Black '96** received her master's degree in midwifery in August from the Midwifery Institute of Philadelphia University. She is a registered nurse specializing in labor and delivery and maternal-fetal medicine. She earned her B.S.N. from West Chester University in 2010. Black also works part time with Bayada Nurses.

**David C. French '96** is the vice president of research and development for Donegal Mutual Insurance Company in Marietta.

**John M. Black '97** was appointed interim music director of the Coventry Singers in Pottstown for the fall 2013 season. Under his direction, the Singers produced a holiday concert, "The Timeless Nativity," which included musical pairings from the Medieval, Renaissance, and 20th century periods. He also is a lead developer at Spring International in Bala Cynwyd.

**Rev. Livingstone S. Dore '97** is the pastor at Charles Wesley United Methodist Church in McLean, Va.

**William T. Kepler M'97** is the executive vice president of commercial specialized services for Fulton Financial.

**Dawn Mahan '97** has been recognized by Strathmore's Who's Who Worldwide

for her outstanding contributions and achievements in the field of consulting. She has more than 15 years of experience and is the founder and CEO of Blue Isis LLC, an international consulting firm. Mahan developed a patent-pending learning system to enable mastery of the Project Management Institute's complex project management process. She is cofounder of the blog PMthink!, a board member of the American Lung Association's Philadelphia Chapter, and a member of the Greater Philadelphia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, as well as the National Association of Professional Women.

**Joseph Meece '97** published a novel, "Charlie Response" (Faithful Life Publishers) in December 2013. The story is about a group of Navy cryptologic technician veterans getting together for a reunion at Lake Raystown. They plan to ride their Harley Davidson motorcycles around central Pennsylvania. The families use prayer and scriptures to get them through the tragedies they encounter along the way. Meece, a disabled veteran, threw shot put on the track & field team for a year while attending LVC.

**Lisa Evans Dorsey '98** and friend/coworker, Leanne Kiralfy, recently opened a geriatric care management company, L&L Eldercare Connections, in Lebanon County. The company acts as an advocate and liaison with family members, physicians, attorneys, and others to evaluate seniors in their homes or residential facilities to determine an appropriate plan of care. Dorsey is a certified associate geriatric care manager.

**Tara Leo Auchey '99** was recently named one of Open Stage of Harrisburg's 2014 Women Who Care. She is a writer, editor, and creator of Today's The Day Harrisburg, an online independent news publication that serves the city and

its residents. She is also principal and chief advisor to tla Communications, a consulting firm that assists organizations in communications strategies, public outreach, social media, and media relations. She is a freelance columnist for PennLive and The Patriot-News, writing the "Q&A with Tara" column that appears weekly in the print and online versions. She also writes a monthly column for TheBurg magazine.

**Matthew Hans '99** and **Nathan Hengst '02** are the co-owners and operators of Wood Fired Pizza in Newark, Del. **Lori Sweigart Hans '00** maintains the books and handles the human resource aspects and administrative duties of the restaurant. She also is employed full time with the University of Delaware.

## '01

**Kellie D. Brown '01** is a staff accountant at ParenteBeard, a top 25 accounting firm in Harrisburg.

## '03

**Emily Kalda '03** is a senior systems analyst for Sprint at Tata Consulting Services in Reston, Va. She helps design and develop solutions for Sprint's e-commerce websites, including their mobile site.

**Adam Tavel '03** was named the winner of the 2013 First Annual Permafrost Book Prize in Poetry for his poem "Into the Primitive." He received the 2010 Robert Frost Award and is the author of "The Fawn Abyss" (Salmon, forthcoming) and the chapbook "Red Flag Up" (Kattywompus). He is an associate professor of English at Wor-Wic Community College in Salisbury, Md.

## '04

**Jonathan Lobaugh '04** is a video editor at JPL Integrated Communications Inc., in their Harrisburg office.

## '05

For his outstanding reporting with WITF, **Craig Layne '05** was the recipient of a 2014 Regional Edward R. Murrow Award for Breaking News for his story "Pushed Around: What Makes a Bully?"

**Dr. Katherine Myers Mesick '05** has been honored with the Dissertation Award in Nuclear Physics, awarded by the American Physical Society. Her thesis is titled, "The First Determination of the Proton's Weak Charge Through Parity-Violating Asymmetry Measurements in Elastic  $e + p$  and  $e + \text{Al}$  Scattering." She is a postdoctoral associate at Rutgers University in New Jersey.

**Brian Mell M'05** is the plant manager at Oakworks Inc. in New Freedom.

## '07

**Angela Magazino '07** is the senior assistant director of alumni engagement at the College of William & Mary in Williamsburg, Va.

**Alex Reber '07** was unanimously appointed by the Harrisburg City Council to the Harrisburg City Audit Committee for a five-year term. He is employed as a senior accountant at Miller Dixon Drake, PC.

## '08

For her outstanding reporting for WITF, **Marie M. Cusick '08** was the recipient of a 2014 National and Regional Edward R. Murrow Award for her story about a mysterious pile of dirt in Sunbury. She received the Hard

News Feature Reporting Award for StateImpact Pennsylvania's "Drilling Waste, Politics, and a Pile of Dirt." She also received a 2014 Regional Murrow Award for News Series for StateImpact Pennsylvania's "Shortchanged: The Fight Over Royalties."

## '09

**Christa Rusher '09** received her master's degree in music education from Lee University in Tennessee in May.

**Anthony T. Smoker '09** is an engineer-in-training with Lancaster-based Providence Engineering Corporation.

## '10s

**Julia Dunn '11** and **Joanna H. Heisey '11**, both with a bachelor of science degree in psychology from LVC, graduated from Millersville University with master's degrees in school counseling in May.

**Mark Barthel '12** is a web developer for Pencor Services in Palmerton.

**Allison "Ali" McFadden '12** is the government affairs administrative assistant at the Marcellus Shale Coalition in Harrisburg.



(l to r): **Julia Dunn '11** and **Joanna H. Heisey '11**

**Katelyn M. Nordall '12** has been promoted to assistant underwriter with Lebanon Valley Insurance Co., in Cleona, a subsidiary of the Tuscarora Wayne Group of Companies.

**Adam C. Gardner '13** is the safety and security manager for the Dutch Wonderland Family Entertainment Complex in Lancaster.

**Adnan Pasic M'13** is a vice president and commercial loan officer for Mount Joy-based Union Community Bank.

**My-Dung Tran '13** is a staff accountant at ParenteBeard, a top 25 accounting firm in Harrisburg.

Due to his overwhelming passions for sports and creating art, **Kyle Wenger '14** started KW Sports Art as a way of helping athletes, like himself, preserve their athletic memories.

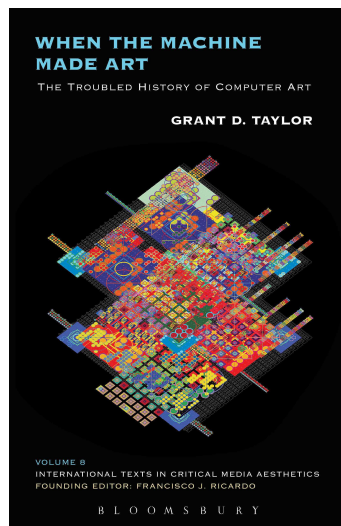
## FRIENDS OF THE VALLEY

**Edward D. Breen** and his wife, **Lynn**, were awarded the Robert P. Casey Medal for Commitment to Independent Higher Education during an award ceremony this past spring, hosted by The Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Pennsylvania (AICUP). They were recognized for their "tireless work and commitment to our cause," said Don Francis, AICUP president. Ed serves on LVC's Board of Trustees. He also serves on the board of Comcast and is the former chair and CEO of Tyco International. He was recently named one of the 100 Most Influential People in Business Ethics by the Ethisphere Institute.

After serving for 14 years on the Annville Township Board of Commissioners, **Richard "Dick" Charles** resigned from his position in March. When he retired from LVC in 1997 as vice president *emeritus* of

advancement, he made the Annville Streetscape Project his highest personal priority. He also was a key figure in the more recent downtown redevelopment project—the Annville Center—that involved renovating six dilapidated properties in the first block of East Main Street and turning them into vibrant businesses with a new plaza and parking lot. **Dr. Owen Moe**, co-president of the Friends of Old Annville and Vernon and Doris Bishop Distinguished Professor of Chemistry at LVC, said he feels no one has done more for downtown Annville than Dick Charles. Charles received LVC's prestigious Founders Day award in 2004.

For his extensive community service, **Conrad "Connie" Siegel** was recognized by The Foundation for Enhancing



Communities as their 2014 Champion of Philanthropy at a program held at the Whitaker Center for Science and the Arts in Harrisburg. Siegel is a member of the Rotary Club of Harrisburg, Foundation for Enhancing Communities, Investment Advisory Committee, Harristown Development

Authority, Jewish Community Federation of Harrisburg, and a former member of LVC's Board of Trustees.

**Dr. Grant Taylor**, LVC associate professor of art history, published "When the Machine Made Art: The Troubled History of Computer Art (Bloomsbury Publishing—London, New Delhi, New York, and Sydney) in April. The book examines the cultural and critical response to computer art, or what we refer to today as digital art. Tracing the heated debates between art and science, the societal anxiety over nascent computer technology, and the myths and philosophies surrounding digital computation, Dr. Taylor is able to identify the destabilizing forces that shape and eventually fragment the computer art movement.

### Frank Mols, Beloved Library Director, Dies

Francis "Frank" P. Mols, director of the Vernon and Doris Bishop Library at Lebanon Valley College since 2007, died on Thursday, August 14, 2014, at the age of 64. He spent more than 40 years serving college and university libraries in Michigan, Virginia, New York, and Pennsylvania.

"Frank was the exemplar of everything that Lebanon Valley College believes in," said Dr. Lewis E. Thayne, LVC president. "He was energetic, enthusiastic, positive, and someone who truly cared about all of his students and co-workers. Frank was a shining light who brought smiles to everyone he encountered."

During his tenure at LVC, Mols oversaw the digitization of many historic College publications (yearbooks, catalogs, magazines, etc.), an increase in the number of and access to databases for students and faculty, and proudly led efforts to redesign spaces for collaborative study, which are very popular with students.

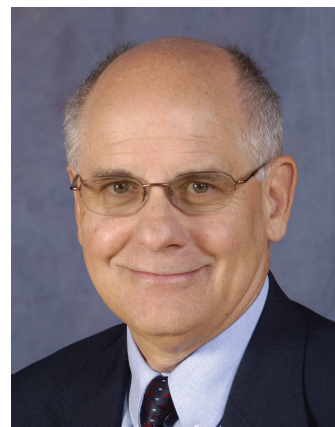
Mols was receptive to changes that would improve library services for students and faculty, actively offering polls to discover what students needed to succeed. He took their suggestions to heart, and in response to feedback, created quiet spaces for study, added software on library computers, and added additional study spaces. Mols created these spaces for students by converting numerous print periodicals to digital format and shifted collections to increase usability. He also actively solicited input from the College's faculty.

Mols was particularly proud of restarting a long dormant Oral History Project for the College, in which numerous *emeriti*, trustees, alumni, and staff were recorded.

Students, especially those who worked in the library, were particularly dear to Mols. "He supported me in my work at the library, and as an RA, study abroad student, volleyball player, and a graduate," said Ally Stengel '13 who worked in the library for four years as an undergraduate. "He was a wonderful man to work for: funny, kind, and so passionate about the library and the students he served. He was a great teacher, friend, and mentor. I will miss him dearly and LVC has lost a great man."

Mols is survived by his wife of 39 years, Kathy; a daughter, Emily Gerber; son-in-law, Matt, and granddaughter, Samantha. Donations can be sent to the Frank Mols Memorial Library Fund (Please note designation "Frank Mols Memorial" in the memo line), Lebanon Valley College, 101 North College Avenue, Annville, Pa., 17003

Visit [www.lvc.edu](http://www.lvc.edu) for the complete memorial.



## '30s

**Rev. Mark J. Hostetter '36, H'68** died July 15 in Lebanon 10 days shy of his 100th birthday. A graduate of Annville High School, Rev. Hostetter earned additional degrees from the United Theological Seminary and the Yale Divinity School after LVC. In 1968, the College awarded Rev. Hostetter an honorary doctor of divinity degree and in 1977, he received an Alumni Citation. He served on the Board of Trustees at LVC and United Theological.

Rev. Hostetter served as pastor in a number of churches, including the United Methodist churches in Annville and Elizabethtown, and was appointed to superintendent of the Lancaster District of the East Pennsylvania Conference from 1969 to 1975. He retired in 1979 but served part-time appointments in Lebanon County and at Cornwall Manor.

He recently finished a book, "Meeting God: My Religious Formation from a Psychological Point of View," which chronicled his 99-plus years. "My whole life could be epitomized by saying 'plowboy in Bellegrove to pastor at the prestigious college church in Annville,'" stated Rev. Hostetter. He was predeceased by a wife, Ruth Keene Hostetter '39.

**Cordella Sheaffer Felder '37** died Feb. 5 in Annville at the age of 97. She was the music supervisor at the Marine Depot School at Parris Island, S.C., and at the American School in Bremerhaven, Germany. She also was the music supervisor at Swatara Township High School in Oberlin and an elementary school teacher at Hillside School in New Cumberland. She was a member of the National Education Association, Woman's Club of New Cumberland, Friends of the New Cumberland Public Library, and St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Felder was a Gold Star Wife. She is survived by a brother, Brig. Gen. Robert M. Sheaffer '57, and a daughter-in-law, Donna Kreamer Felder '82.

**Wanda Price Koehler '38** died March 20 in Ohio at the age of 96. She was a teacher in Zanesville, Ohio, for 21 years and retired from Deer Park High School in Ohio.

## '40s

**Wilmer Jay Gingrich '41** died May 16 in Lancaster at the age of 95. He retired in 1982 from the Hamilton Watch Company, where he worked as a chemist. He was an original founder of the Conestoga Country Club and an avid golfer. Gingrich was a member of Covenant United Methodist Church in Lancaster for 50 years and a 70-year Free & Accepted Mason of Lamberton Lodge.

**Marie Peters Prunetti '42** died July 15, 2013, in Largo, Fla., at the age of 92. She was a retired teacher from the Trenton (N.J.) School System, teaching at Parker and Monmouth schools. She was a member of the Trenton Education Association.

**Janet Schopf Ebersole '43** died March 30 in Nassawadox, Va., at the age of 92. She was a 60-year resident of Bellport, N.Y., and an organist and choir director for the Bellport United Methodist Church for 30 years. Together, she and her husband, Walter, were active in developing musical activity, with wide community participation, in greater Bellport. Ebersole was a devoted bridge player. She was predeceased by her husband, Walter K. Ebersole '43.

**Dr. Harry Kreiger Miller Jr. '43, H'70** died Feb. 27 in Phoenix, Ariz., at the age of 91. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, having served in the Pacific Theater during World War II. He returned to active duty for the Korean War. After receiving an honorable discharge, he entered the Naval Reserve where he served as a lieutenant commander until 1982. Miller served as assistant to the president at Goucher College in Towson, Md., and at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa. He later became president of Keystone Junior College in La Plume, where he served for 16 years. At Keystone, he was instrumental in setting up the Pocono Environmental Education Center in the Delaware Water Gap Recreation Center, one of the first environmental centers of its kind. After Keystone, Miller served as a higher education specialist and volunteer for the American Red Cross. He then became associate director of the Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges based in Washington, D.C. He then became vice president of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University at Daytona Beach's campus in Prescott, Ariz., and provost of the new western campus. After Embry-Riddle, he became president of Southeastern University in Washington, D.C., and later became president of Paul Smith's College in the Adirondack Mountains, until his retirement in 1982. After retirement, Miller served as executive director, board member, and chair of the Prescott (Ariz.) Area Habitat for Humanity.

**Jane Gruber Seiverling '43** died Dec. 21, 2013, in Palmyra at the age of 91. She and her husband, Daniel, traveled the world, visiting six continents. She taught piano lessons, directed church choirs, and sang in many local venues, including the former Hersheypark Bandshell. Seiverling formed a Hershey chapter of the American Association of University Women and also helped with the Vietnamese settlement program at Fort Indiantown Gap. She was predeceased by her husband, Daniel S. Seiverling '40; a sister, Christine Gruber Kreider '34; and a brother, Harry Gruber '36.

**George B. Wagner '46** died Jan. 2 in Wyomissing at the age of 89. After 30 years of teaching in Berks County schools, he retired from the Wilson School District in 1985 as the instrumental music teacher. He previously was a music sales representative and provided school demonstrations for Sharman's Music Store, and later was the manager of the band instrument department for Zeswitz Music. Following retirement from Wilson, he owned and operated Wagner Band Instrument Repair Services. Wagner was a member of Bausman Memorial United Church of Christ in Wyomissing, a 50+ year member of Williamson Lodge #307 in Womelsdorf, a member of the Reading Consistory, a member and band director of the Rajah Temple Shrine, and a charter member of the Rajah Temple Yacht Club. His passion for boats led him to build a 28-foot Chris Craft motorboat, which was used on the Chesapeake Bay for 50 years. He and his wife traveled the world, visiting seven continents.

**James D. Patterson Sr. '47** died May 16 in Ormond Beach, Fla., at the age of 93. He was a Seabee in the U.S. Navy, serving in World War II in the Pacific Campaign. Early in his career, he was employed by Johnson & Johnson in the Permacel Division as a sales representative. He then became vice president of sales for Clamco Corporation. He spent many years in the packaging industry after founding his own company in his later years. He was predeceased by a brother, George F. Patterson '49.

**Dorothy M. Bomgardner '48** died May 12 in Lebanon at the age of 87. She was a self-employed piano teacher. She was a member of St. Jacob's Kimmerlings Church in Lebanon and the Cornwall Manor Society, and was very active with the Manor Chapel Program, serving as pianist. She is survived by a son, David J. Bomgardner, Esq., '79.

**Frank Edwin Urich '48** died March 18 in Metuchen, N.J., at the age of 91. He was a World War II veteran. He taught history at Franklin Junior High School in Metuchen and worked part-time at the A&P grocery store. Urich took many trips around the country to see his daughter perform in Broadway-bound shows. He also traveled with his son on several trips, including to England, Alaska, and Hawaii. He loved music and dance, and was a voracious reader. Urich is survived by his wife, Carolyn Boeddinghaus Urich '48.

**Robert E. Baker '49** died March 7 in Cornwall at the age of 88. He was a veteran of World War II, having participated in the Normandy Invasion on D-Day, and then was with the 81st Chemical Mortar Battalion throughout the remainder of the war in Europe. He retired from the Glidden Paint

Company in Reading, after 37 years of service. Prior to that, Baker taught chemistry at Drexel University. He had been a president of the Industrial Management Club of Berks County and was a member of Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church of Laureldale, where he served in numerous capacities, including as president of the Congregation Council. He was an avid gardener throughout his life and served Berks County as a Penn State Master Gardener. He continued his gardening interests by serving on Cornwall Manor's building and grounds and tree committees. Baker is survived by a daughter, Robin Baker Thomson '76; a son, Paul B. Baker '79; and a daughter-in-law, Tracy Allgier-Baker '79. He was predeceased by his wife, Barbara Kilheffer Baker '48.

**Lois Shank Yeakel '49** died March 5 in Waynesboro at the age of 86. She was the director of a preschool in Liverpool, N.Y., for six years. She and her husband were foster parents to five children. She will be remembered for her love of the little children she embraced, her green thumb, and her caring heart for all she encountered. She is survived by her husband, Bishop Joseph H. Yeakel '49. She was predeceased by a sister-in-law, Dorothy Yeakel Horn '39.

## '50s

**Joseph Campanella '50** died March 15 in Dallastown at the age of 88. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II, receiving a Purple Heart and Bronze Star. He was a retired principal from Garden Spot High School in New Holland, and had previously served as music supervisor with the Dallastown Area School District. He was a member of the American Legion Dallastown post, the Military Order of the Purple Heart, and Bethlehem United Methodist Church and its choir. Campanella is survived by his wife, Mary Jane Flinchbaugh Campanella '48.

**Mary Frey Eschbach '50** died May 8 in New Oxford at the age of 85. She was a member of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Gettysburg, a life member of Lake Meade Fire & Rescue, and a member of the Embroidery Guild of America. She enjoyed quilting.

**Frank R. Kirchner '50** died Feb. 6 in Myerstown at the age of 87. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II, celebrating his 18th birthday by flying his first combat bombing mission over Europe. He was employed as the general manager at the Warren Shirt Company in Lebanon for 25 years, until his retirement in 1984. He was a 4th Degree in the Knights of Columbus in Lebanon, and a member of the Knights of Columbus in Myerstown, Myerstown VFW, Richland Legion, and Mary Gate of Heaven

Catholic Church in Myerstown. Kirchner enjoyed gardening, golfing, and traveling. He also served on the Eastern Lebanon County (ELCO) School Board for 16 years and was instrumental in the beginning of the ELCO Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Program.

**LCDR Harold R. Baer '51** died March 12 in Harrisburg at the age of 85. He was a U.S. Navy veteran, retiring with a rank of lieutenant commander. He retired from Camp Hill High School as a social studies teacher. Baer was a member of Lowther Manor Lodge #781 Free & Accepted Masons in Camp Hill, Eastern Star Chapter 509 in Hershey, Perseverance Royal Arch Chapter #21 in Harrisburg, Forest #43 Tall Cedars of Lebanon, and past president of the Harrisburg Chapter #76 National Sojourners. He was predeceased by an uncle, Carl R. Baum '50.

**Guy J. Euston '51** died May 3 in Annville at the age of 89. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II in the Pacific Theater. He taught at Lebanon Junior High School and later at Lebanon High School. Euston was a member of St. Mark's United Church of Christ in Lebanon. He enjoyed cooking and gardening. He was an avid sports fan, following the Philadelphia teams and Penn State. Euston is survived by his wife of 62 years, Beatrice Meiser Euston '49.

**Joseph J. Lutz '52** died June 3 in Columbia at the age of 90. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Force, serving during World War II. He was an engineer for AMP Inc., for 35 years before his retirement. Lutz was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Columbia.

**Thomas Judson Sullivan '52** died April 2 in Tyrone at the age of 86. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. His 42-year professional career was spent in human resources at AMP, Inc. Sullivan was an active member of the St. Theresa Parish in New Cumberland and the West Shore Rotary Club. He loved gardening, airplanes, and Notre Dame.

**Julia Thatcher Witmer '52** died Nov. 28, 2013, in Green Bay, Wis., at the age of 82. Early in her career, she was a music supervisor in the Southampton public schools and a third-grade teacher in the East Rochester (N.Y.) public schools. She was a member of the Brighton Presbyterian Church in Rochester, where she helped with the youth and adult choirs.

**Carl W. Daugherty '53** died Dec. 16, 2013, in Johnson City, N.Y., at the age of 88. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, having served in World War II in the European Theater. He retired in 1986 from the Singer-Link Corp. of Binghamton, N.Y., where he was a technical editor and writer.

**Rev. Henry R. Early '53** died March 17 in Cornwall at the age of 89. He was a U.S. Navy veteran, having served as an electrician during World War II. During his career, he pastored at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Newville, Flohr's Lutheran Church in McKnightstown, St. Paul's Church in Annville, and the Redeemer Church in Harrisburg, retiring in 1989. He was predeceased by his wife, Sarah Blauch Early '45.

**James G. Quick '53** died Jan. 24 in Harrisburg at the age of 86. He was retired from the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission. He was a member of St. Paul's United Church of Christ, where he served on the church consistory as a deacon and elder. Quick was a member of the William S. Snyder Lodge #756, Free & Accepted Masons, and a member and former president of the Mechanicsburg Museum Association.

**William J. Walborn '53** died Jan. 15 in Tempe, Ariz., at the age of 85. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps from 1946 to 1949, and was trained in photo reconnaissance and high altitude bombardment. During his career, he was a teacher, coach, and business manager. He taught at Richland High School and later ELCO Unified High School in Richland, as well as at Pittman Junior High in Pittman, N.J. He worked for the Lebanon Chemical Company; Chase & Company of Sanford, Fla.; Sealtest Foods in Mt. Carmel; Jonas P. Donmoyer Trucking in Ono; and was the director of operations for the Church and Dwight Company in Syracuse, N.Y. Walborn was a member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Lebanon, and attended the Praise and Worship Center in Chandler, Ariz.

**Richard L. Rotunda '54** died Jan. 30 in Palmyra at the age of 80. He enjoyed a lifelong career in sales. After retiring from the Hemingway Motor Company in South Carolina, he enjoyed working for the last seven years at Manheim Auto Auction with his many friends and associates. Rotunda was a Mason and member of Mount Olivet Lodge No. 704 Free & Accepted Masons, Zembo Shrine, and was a Harrisburg Consistory 32nd Degree AASR. He enjoyed coaching various youth sports, fishing, and playing cards. Rotunda is survived by a son, Joseph R. Rotunda '85, and a daughter-in-law, Terri Roach Rotunda '85.

**Bonnie Speck Maslanik '57** died March 24 in Bowie, Md., at the age of 79. She taught vocal music in the Riverdale and Heather Hills elementary schools, and instrumental music at Thomas Johnson Middle School, all in the Prince George's County Public Schools in Maryland. She received the City of Bowie Outstanding Teacher Award. Maslanik enjoyed reading, swimming, and antiques.

**Ralph W. Fortna '57** died Feb. 13 in Lancaster at the age of 84. He retired from teaching in the Cocalico School District in 1983. He also worked for Hess Eggs in Ephrata, Wickes Lumber, and was a part-time handyman. Fortna was a former pastor of the Evangelical United Brethren Church, serving at Chambers Hill and Ebenezer churches in Harrisburg, Stoverdale, as well as Shopes Church in Hummelstown, Zion Church in Aristes, and Mount Pisgah Church in Philadelphia. He was a member of the Lititz Church of the Brethren. He is survived by a son, Harold Fortna '75; daughter-in-law, Joanna Curtis Fortna '77; and granddaughter, Laura J. Dehart '01.

**William J. Felty '58** died April 16 in Annville at the age of 78. He was a member of Zion Evangelical Congregational Church in Annville and was interested in mission work. He enjoyed gardening and reading.

**Rev. C. Robert Landis '58** died May 26 in Harlan, Ky., at the age of 78. Called to missions in his teen years, he was led to the Red Bird Missionary Conference in Beverly, Ky., where he served on numerous committees. He taught school at Jack's Creek, a Red Bird Mission School, and pastored the Jack's Creek and Bowen's Creek United Methodist churches. Landis pastored at Mary Helen United Methodist Church, Cranks United Methodist Church, and at a church in Evarts. He was active on the Appalachian Regional Healthcare Board, the Harlan Community Action Agency, the 4-H Council, and many other civic and community organizations. In 2013, the new 4-H building in Harlan County was named in honor of Landis and his wife, Elaine Groff Landis.

**Dr. Richard R. Riegel '58** died Dec. 26, 2013, in Selinsgrove at the age of 84. He served in the U.S. Army in the 8055 Mobile Army Surgical Hospital during the Korean War. He was trained as a combat medic and surgical technician. He was a practicing chiropractor in Kutztown from 1962 to 1980 and in Selinsgrove from 1980 to 2000.

**Richard E. Zimmerman '59** died Jan. 4 in Palm Desert, Calif., at the age of 82. He served as a sergeant in the U.S. Army for two years, stationed in France. He worked at AMP Inc., in Harrisburg for more than 30 years until his retirement, first as a district sales engineer then as district sales manager of the North Pacific District.

## '60s

**Ray Kendig Fields '60** died March 6 in Saucon Valley at the age of 80. Over a span of 35 years, he worked as a teacher and department chair of science and mathematics at Middlesex High School in New Jersey, and later as an assistant principal

and tennis coach. Fields coached tennis and basketball, and was a basketball official with 25 years of service. He was a member of the Courtside Tennis Center in Flemington, N.J., and the High Bridge Reformed Church. He was a volunteer for Meals on Wheels, assisted people in getting to medical appointments, and was a financial mentor. Fields was an avid archer, tennis player, and enjoyed traveling and hunting. He is survived by a brother, Richard D. Fields '51.

**Rev. Joseph William Frazier '60** died March 28 in California at the age of 77. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and later received an honorable discharge. Before his ordained ministry, he was a folksinger and actor. He became a member of the Chad Mitchell Trio in the 1960s. For a time, the trio also featured young singer/songwriter John Denver. After six years with the Chad Mitchell Trio, Frazier earned a degree from the Yale Divinity School. He was ordained to the diaconate in June 1972 and to the priesthood in January 1973. He served with the Society of St. John the Evangelist in Cambridge, Mass., before taking a position at the Cathedral of St. John in Wilmington, Del. He also served at congregations in San Francisco and Menlo Park; St. Philips Church in Lansford; St. Andrew's Church in Torrance, Calif.; and most recently as the vicar at St. Columba's Episcopal Church in Big Bear Lake, Calif. Frazier later reunited with former members of the Mitchell Trio, including Denver, for a PBS concert in 1987. They concluded a 50th anniversary tour in 2009 with a performance at the Diocesan Convention and a benefit concert at St. Columba's Episcopal Church.

**Winifred "Toby" Barnhart Harvie '63** died March 29 in Greencastle at the age of 72. She was a founder of the Keystone Band prior to the start of band in the Greencastle schools. She frequently performed vocally for the Veterans Affairs Center in Martinsburg, W. Va., social organizations, churches, weddings, and funerals. Early in her 40-year teaching career, she taught in Moorestown, N.J., and Portsmouth, Va. Harvie then was an elementary vocal music teacher for the Greencastle-Antrim School District, and later taught at a high school in Greencastle. She worked with the Maryland Symphony to introduce students to the instruments of the orchestra and hear the symphony in concert—a program called Symphony Saturdays. She also started the first elementary flag drill team in the area (Blue Note Flag Team). Harvie was a member of the St. John's Lutheran Church in Hagerstown, Md. She was an active member of the Queen Esther Order of the Eastern Star (OES) Chapter 3 of Hagerstown, and served as a grand officer with the Grand OES family in Maryland.

**Janet Coover Phillips Miller '63** died April 4 in Mechanicsburg at the age of 90. She began her teaching career at the

Steelton Elementary School, then West Hanover Elementary School, eventually retiring from the Central Dauphin School District where she worked as a reading consultant. Miller enjoyed being active with volunteer work, attending symphony concerts, and traveling. She was a member of First United Methodist Church in Mechanicsburg and the American Legion's Women's Auxiliary.

**Susan Smith Miller '63** died in March in York at the age of 72. She had a long and successful career with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, where she held numerous positions from daycare inspector to director of daycare, and was ultimately the author of Pennsylvania's state standards and regulations for daycare facilities.

**Sandra Beltz Edmunds '64** died Feb. 17 in Morristown, N.J., at the age of 71. She taught earth science and psychology at Edgewood High School in Maryland; elementary school in Dinwiddle County, Va.; and GED math and English to soldiers in Germany. In 1978, Edmunds became an elementary librarian in the Belvidere (N.J.) School District, later becoming the high school librarian—a position she held until her retirement in 2002. She was an animal lover and enjoyed traveling. She was predeceased by her sister, Barbara Beltz Banket '67.

**Mary Jane Earley '66** died Feb. 11, 2013, at the age of 69. She taught elementary education at St. Bernard's Catholic School. She was a member of Hastings United Methodist Church. She was an avid reader. Earley was predeceased by a brother, M.J. Earley '64.

**Thelma Hostetter Blouch '68** died Nov. 28, 2013, in Hershey at the age of 76. She worked as a nurse at Polyclinic Hospital in Harrisburg and Good Samaritan Hospital in Lebanon. For the majority of her career, she taught the practical nursing program at the Lebanon County Career and Technology Center. She was a member of Covenant United Methodist Church in Lebanon. She enjoyed playing piano, reading, and cooking big family meals. She is survived by a daughter, Melissa Blouch Hooper '97.

**Donna Jungmann Drum '68** died March 2 in Lebanon at the age of 67. She worked for 17 years as a title researcher for Steiner, Sandoe & Cooper in Myerstown and previously had worked for several years in the Lebanon County Prothonotary Office. Drum was an active member of the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Lebanon as a member of the choir, orchestra, church council, and numerous committees. She also was a member of Alpha Y Gradale and a volunteer at Spang Crest Manor. She was predeceased by her husband, Ronald E. Drum '58.

## '70s

**Donna Lapp Harding '70** died Jan. 19 in Danville at the age of 65. She worked for the Department of Public Welfare in Towanda, Bradford County Mental Health, Towanda Memorial Hospital, and Guthrie Clinic in Sayre, from which she retired in 2011. Following retirement, she enjoyed volunteering at the Robert Packer Hospital. When her children were young, she volunteered as an administrative assistant at the Barclay Friends School in Towanda. Harding was a member of the American Association of University Women. She loved animals, especially horses, and traveling with her family to the Caribbean, Panama Canal, Alaska, Hawaii, national parks, and the beach.

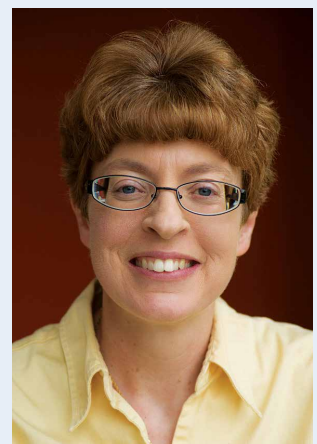
**Rae Jeanne Tanner '73** died Feb. 7 in Raleigh, N.C., at the age of 62. She was a senior medical writer with Pharmaceutical Product Development LLC, in Morrisville, N.C. Her passion was training and showing her dogs in various sports for many years. She competed on a national level with her dogs in agility, earning several championships. In addition, she was a popular and much sought after American Kennel Club and United Kennel Club agility judge.

**Christopher Evan Hanna '74** died April 3 in Colchester, Vt., at the age of 61. He was a self-employed carpenter and Reiki master. A long-distance hiker, he completed the Long, Appalachian, Pacific Crest, and Colorado trails and earned membership in the Appalachian Mountain Club Four Thousand Footer Club—Winter Completion in New Hampshire. For many years, he volunteered for the Green Mountain Club in their trails program. Hanna was a founding member and the first president of the Vermont Reiki Association.

**Stephan C. Shaffer '76** died Dec. 24, 2013, in Lebanon at the age of 63. He served in the U.S. Air Force, and worked as a truck driver for many years. He was a devoted Pittsburgh Steelers fan.

## '90s

**Dr. Teresa Kruger Heckert '90** died Feb. 19 in Columbia, Mo., at the age of 45. She was an associate professor of psychology at Truman State University in Kirksville, Mo. Heckert was chair of the psychology department, a member of the faculty senate, and was president for several terms. She was a member of the Kirksville Kiwanis Club and



*Dr. Teresa Kruger Heckert '90*

served as president, and was an active member of the First United Methodist Church where she taught Sunday school. One of her proudest accomplishments was serving as chair of the Northeast Missouri Regional Campaign Committee for the “Bright Minds, Bright Futures” campaign, which raised more than \$30 million. Heckert won numerous teaching awards, including Outstanding Research Mentor of the Year in 2011.

**Cindy Fahnestock Koser, Esq., '93** died Jan. 8 in Harrisburg at the age of 62. She was a self-employed attorney, assisting countless local families.

**Russell W. Britting '96** died April 29 in Hershey at the age of 66. He was the owner of Britting Business Services in Hershey.

## '00s

**Deborah A. Worthen M'01** died Jan. 29 at the age of 63. After graduating from nursing school, she was a nurse at several state MH/MR facilities. She then worked at Dermatology Associates in State College. In 1993, she graduated from the Pennsylvania State University with a degree in education. She taught fifth grade at Fishing Creek Elementary School from 1998 to 2012. Worthen attended Trindle Spring Lutheran Church in Mechanicsburg. She loved graphic arts, including calligraphy, photography, interior decorating, and pencil sketches. She loved hiking in the woods and going to Rickets Glen.

**Jonathan P. Holt '04** died Jan. 29 in Honolulu, Hawaii, at the age of 31. He moved to Oahu in 2004 and worked as a shipbuilder in Pearl Harbor. He is survived by his father, Paul Holt A'01, '05.

**Sarah Wilkerson Murphy '06** died Jan. 9 in Harrisburg at the age of 50. She was retired from Capital Blue Cross after 25 years of service. She was a member of Bethel Village A.M.E. Church and was affiliated with the New Anointed Christian Fellowship Ministries. Murphy was an avid Dallas Cowboys fan, an art enthusiast, and enjoyed family gatherings, shopping, and traveling.

## FRIENDS OF THE COLLEGE

**Virginia Ellis Englebright** died April 6 in Ocala, Fla., at the age of 83. She taught music at LVC and the State University of New York at Potsdam. She also worked as a mental health counselor and advocate. After retiring, she moved to Florida and worked as an employment counselor for the State of Florida. She studied opera in Milano, Italy, and

was a soprano soloist with the Miami Opera Guild. She was the director of community chorus, choral musical, church choir programs, bell choirs, and summer music camps. Englebright was a member of the Rader Memorial Methodist Church in El Portal, Fla., and Zion United Methodist Church in Myerstown. An avid animal lover, she also owned and showed dogs and horses.

**Ruth Martin Giagnocavo** died April 13 in Myerstown at the age of 84. She attended LVC for a short time, working toward her associate degree in education. She was the first and sole school teacher in the 1952 inaugural year of Rocky Ridge's one-room Quakertown Christian Day School. She and her husband, John, started Martin Manufacturing, a detergent and plastic manufacturing company in Quakertown. Giagnocavo loved music, literature, writing, and poetry.

**Dr. Edward L. Hitz** died March 26 in Hershey at the age of 77. He attended LVC before transferring. He was a self-employed veterinarian for 20 years, specializing in farm animals. Following his veterinary career, he owned and operated the Country Chef Restaurant in Mount Joy. After retiring from the restaurant business, he worked as a substitute teacher for another 20 years in Gautier, Miss., and the Elizabethtown Area School District. Hitz was a member of the Elizabethtown Church of the Brethren. He enjoyed cooking, gardening, reading, swimming, and spending time with his family.

**Marilyn Buck Hibshman** died Feb. 28 in Lebanon at the age of 78. She worked in food service at LVC for 20 years and at Cornwall Manor for 11 years. She also worked in the Hershey Foods credit department, Fink's Bakery in Annville, Bomberger's, Lebanon Farmer's Market, and Bauer's Shoes. She and her husband boarded LVC students at their home for more than 20 years. She was a member of First United Methodist Church in Palmyra, where she sang in the choir and was a soloist. Hibshman was a member of the Lebanon County Chorus, an animal lover, avid reader, and traveler. She is survived by a son, John D. Hibshman '87.

**Marion I. Miller** died March 25 in Palmyra at the age of 84. She was a retired elementary principal from the Annville-Cleona School District. She attended Annville United Methodist Church, where she was past president of the Annville United Methodist Women and a member of the bell and church choirs. Miller was very involved in her community and belonged to numerous organizations, including the Lebanon Valley College Auxiliary. She enjoyed traveling, reading, genealogy, golf, walking, and handicrafts. She is survived by a brother, Brian R. Miller '79.

## Richard A. Zimmerman H'92, Former Board of Trustees Member, Dies

Richard A. Zimmerman, retired chairman and chief executive officer of The Hershey Company (Hershey Foods), died at the age of 82 at his home in Hershey on June 29. Zimmerman served as a member of Lebanon Valley College's Board of Trustees from 1972 to 1981. He and his wife, Nancy, who also served on the College's Board of Trustees (1984-1987) and is a 1953 graduate of LVC, were avid supporters of the arts and the benefactors of Zimmerman Recital Hall, which is part of the Suzanne H. Arnold Art Gallery on campus.

"I think it is wonderful that Dick and Nancy so generously supported the arts in Lebanon County, and at Lebanon Valley College in particular," Suzanne Arnold Schrotberger H'96 said. "The Zimmerman Recital Hall is such a beautiful performance space and truly helps make the Gallery come alive as a gem for artists and performers from across the country."



Richard and Nancy were co-recipients of the College's highest honor, the Founders Day Award, in 1991. Richard was honored again in 2003, becoming the only person in College history to receive the award more than once.

Richard Zimmerman's connections to the College run deep. His father, Richard

P. Zimmerman, served on LVC's Board of Trustees from 1960 to 1975. In 1980, Richard A. Zimmerman received an Alumni Citation for his service to the College, and in 1992 he received an honorary doctor of laws degree from the College.

The Rev. Dr. Daniel Shearer '38, a member of LVC's Board of Trustees from 1959 to 1988, worked closely with Zimmerman when he was chairman of the board of United Theological Seminary (formerly Dayton Theological Seminary) and on the LVC Board of Trustees. "Richard and Nancy were longtime friends through the church, the College, and Dayton Seminary. They have always been generous and kind people and were partners in every sense

of the word," Rev. Shearer said. "He was an excellent trustee and loyal to the College and the community."

The Rev. Dr. J. Dennis Williams H'90 served on the LVC board with Zimmerman, and both families attended the First United Methodist Church of Hershey. "Richard and Nancy were very active members of the church," Rev. Williams said. "Richard was a very thoughtful and considerate person with a good mind. The kind of person you just naturally respected."

The Zimmermans have provided financial support to the College for more than 30 consecutive years and in 1999 achieved Lifetime Vickroy status, which recognizes those whose cumulative lifetime giving totals \$100,000 or more. Among the many College events they have supported over the years, the annual Harrisburg Symphony Orchestra performance held the couple's particular affection.

"The loss of such a great friend will be felt by the College and the greater community," Dr. Lewis E. Thayne, LVC's president, said. "I take comfort in knowing that Richard's legacy will live on at the College every time a student, faculty member, or visiting artist performs in Zimmerman Recital Hall."

Zimmerman was born in Lebanon on April 5, 1932, to the late Richard P. and Kathryn Wilhelm Zimmerman. He is a graduate of Lebanon High School, class of 1949, and Penn State University, class of 1953, with a degree in commerce. He served as a lieutenant in the United States Navy on the *U.S.S. Pocono* operating out of Norfolk, Va., from 1953 to 1956.

After leaving military service, Zimmerman went to work at the Harrisburg National Bank and Trust Company, now Mellon Bank, as assistant director. He began employment with Hershey Foods Company, now The Hershey Company, as an administrative assistant in 1958. He served in many capacities for the corporation, including vice president, president and chief operating officer, president and chief executive officer, and chairman, from which he retired in 1994.

Zimmerman is survived by his wife of 61 years, the former Nancy Cramer '53, two daughters, Linda Billmyer of Hummelstown and Jan Tulli (husband Tom) of Millersville; and two brothers, Edward (wife Helen) and Peter (wife Joy), both of Chambersburg. He is also survived by five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, and was predeceased by an infant son, Thomas Richard.



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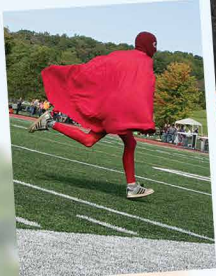
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